



# Red Line Expressed

President Barack Obama addresses the nation from the Cross Hall in the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014. In a major reversal, Obama ordered the United States into a broad military campaign to “degrade and ultimately destroy” militants in two volatile Middle East nations, authorizing airstrikes inside Syria for the first time, as well as an expansion of strikes in Iraq.

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## Obama Orders Airstrikes In Syria For First Time

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Barack Obama in a major reversal ordered the United States into a broad military campaign Wednesday night to “degrade and ultimately destroy” Islamic State militants in two volatile Middle East nations authorizing airstrikes inside

Syria for the first time as well as an expansion of strikes in Iraq.

In an address to the nation, Obama also announced he was dispatching nearly 500 more U.S. troops to Iraq to assist that country’s besieged security forces.

And he called on the US Congress to authorize a program to train and arm rebels in Syria who are fight-

ing both the Islamic State group and Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Saudi Arabia, a crucial U.S. ally in the Middle East, offered to host the training missions, part of Obama’s effort to persuade other nations to join with the U.S. in confronting the militants. “This is not our fight alone,” Obama declared.

“American power can

make a decisive difference, but we cannot do for Iraqis what they must do for themselves, nor can we take the place of Arab partners in securing their region.”

“Our objective is clear: We will degrade and ultimately destroy ISIL through a comprehensive and sustained counterterrorism strategy.” The president adamantly

ruled out the prospect of putting American troops in combat roles on the ground in Iraq or Syria.

Even so, Obama’s plans amount to a striking shift for a president who rose to political prominence in part because of his early opposition to the Iraq war.

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The Tribute in Light rises behind buildings adjacent to the World Trade Center in New York. The art installation consists of 88 searchlights aiming skyward in two columns, in memory of the former twin towers. Four World Trade Center is at left. Thirteen years after 9/11 forever changed the New York skyline, officials say developments at the World Trade Center are on track and on budget. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

## World Trade Center complex is on its way to completion

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Thirteen years after the Sept. 11 attacks forever changed the New York skyline, officials say most work at the World Trade Center complex is on track and on budget. The complex sits on the site of the 2001 terrorist attacks and plans include four buildings, the 9/11 memorial and museum, a shopping center, and a transportation hub, known as the Oculus. The memorial and museum have opened, as have parts of the transportation hub. Two of the four World Trade Center buildings have been completed, and 5 million square feet (460,000 square meters) of office space has already been leased. State and city officials held a news conference Tuesday from the 67th floor of 4 World Trade Center, which opened in November.

A completed World Trade Center complex will create a vibrant district and make Low-

er Manhattan a business and shopping destination, they said.

"It will be a vibrant 24/7 downtown for people around the world," said Port Authority Vice Chairman Scott Rechler. "In the aftermath (of the attacks) that would have been hard to predict."

Although costs soared and plans changed for 1 World Trade Center at the beginning of construction, it will open sometime this fall, Rechler said.

"We owed it to all those who perished" to persist and complete the building, Rechler said.

The center and a transportation hub will open in phases and may not have a grand opening, he said. The center will open when media company Conde Nast moves into its 1.1 million square feet (100,000 square meters) of office space, he said. The building will have a 60 percent occupancy rate.

Technology company MediaMath signed a lease earlier this summer

for 100,000 square-feet (9,300 square meters) of office space in 4 World Trade, developer Larry Silverstein said.

Silverstein said his company is obtaining financing to complete 3 World Trade Center by early 2018. Its construction was halted last year because the building lacked an anchor tenant.

He said he plans to open the tower by early 2018. The new date comes after media investment company GroupM signed a 20-year lease to occupy nine of 80 floors.

"Both MediaMath and GroupM represent the technology, advertising, media and information industries that are currently driving the city's economy," Silverstein said. "Their decision to relocate to the World Trade Center proves that New Yorkers were right to bet on downtown."

Plans are on hold for construction of 2 World Trade Center while Silverstein seeks tenants. □

## Islamic State, many in Iran believe, is a U.S. invention

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**TEHRAN, Iran** - Iranians are as obsessed as Americans these days with the black-clad gangs roaming Iraq and Syria and killing Shiites and other "infidels" in the name of Sunni Islam. At the supermarket, in a shared taxi or at a family gathering, conversations often turn to the mysterious group, the Islamic State, and how it came to be.

And for most Iranians, the answer is obvious: the United States.

"Come on, you know who has created ISIS," said the supermarket owner, winking his right eye and using an abbreviation for the Islamic State. "Admit it," demanded the taxi driver, hitting his steering wheel to make his point. "It is so obvious!" concluded the talkative uncle at the birthday party.

The Islamic State, Iranian leaders have been saying for a long time, is made-in-the-USA, a tool of terror intended by the world's superpower to divide and conquer the energy-rich Middle East and to counter the growing influence of Iran in the region.

Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has often said that he believes the Islamic State was created by the United States as a way to regain a foothold in Iraq and to fight Iran's ally, President Bashar Assad of Syria.

"We have evidence, we know," he told an audience of clerics last week, without elaborating.

Khamenei reminded them that al-Qaida - a creation of the CIA, Iran has said - and the Taliban were, in the eyes of Iranian intelligence, devised by the West as a counterweight to Iran.

"There is no doubt that these movements are created by Western powers and their regional agents," Khamenei has insisted.

His words, echoed by many others in Iran, have been resonating on state television, the main tool for disseminating propaganda, which is watched all over the country. On Wednesday it showed what it said were images of Sen. John McCain, the hawkish Arizona Republican, at a meeting with the current caliph of the Islamic State, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. "These say more than a thousand words regarding the links between the United States and this group," an announcer added. Iranians are often the first to dispute rash ideological statements by their leaders, usually creating flurries of text messaged jokes in response. And some skeptical voices could be heard.

"It is essentially a terrorist group of the extremist Muslim sects of the region against the other sects," Mehdi Mirzaei, 27, a student of English literature, said of the Islamic State. "I am pretty sure that America is not supporting ISIS. That is all nonsense."

But the claim that the Islamic State is a creation of the Obama administration has gained wide traction here. From the Iranian viewpoint, shaped by their spotty exposure to Western culture, analysts say, creating a terrorist organization opposed to Iranian interests is the obvious thing for a superpower to do.

"These ISIS fighters, they remind me of American cowboy movies," said Mostafa Faramazian, an employee of the Oil Ministry.

He had seen clips of the Sunni fighters driving along the desert plains of Iraq and Syria, like outlaws in the wild West.

"They are performing the American dream in a far-away land," Faramazian said. "Their goal is to make us weak, like they did with the Indians."

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## Guilty plea by US woman trying to aid Islamic State

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A 19-year-old Colorado woman pleaded guilty Wednesday to conspiring to help the Islamic State, the Sunni militant group, after she was caught trying to travel to Syria, federal prosecutors said.

The woman, Shannon Conley, who lived in the Denver suburb of Arvada, appeared before a U.S. district court judge, Raymond P. Moore, and pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization.

After meeting an Islamic State member online, she had planned to join him in Syria, the plea agreement said, but FBI agents arrested her on April 8 at the Denver International Airport before she could board a flight to Turkey.

Conley was engaged to the Islamic State member, identified as Yousef Mouelhi in court documents. She had planned to help al-Qaida and the Islamic State in Syria and to fight if needed, prosecutors said. She and Mouelhi "shared their view of Islam as requiring participation in violent jihad," the prosecutors said in a statement.

The FBI director, James B. Comey, has said that about 100 people have left the United States to join Islamic insurgents in Syria, but that it is difficult to know the exact number. In May, a 22-year-old American, Moner Mohammad Abusalha, blew himself up in a suicide attack in Syria. "The Department of Justice continuously works to dissuade and disrupt those who attempt to travel abroad to join foreign terrorist organizations," Marc Raimondi, a national security spokesman for the Justice Department, said in a statement Wednesday.

"With the FBI, we are conducting targeted investigations of would-be travelers to Syria and have already prosecuted nearly a dozen individuals." □

# Obama orders airstrikes in Syria for first time

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While in office, he's steadfastly sought to wind down American military campaigns in the Middle East and avoid new wars — particularly in Syria, a country where the chaos of a lengthy civil war has given the Islamic State space to thrive and move freely across the border with Iraq. Speaking on the eve of the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Obama's

stants have released videos depicting the beheading of two American journalists in Syria. The violent images appear to have had an impact on a formerly war-weary public, with multiple polls in recent days showing that the majority of Americans support airstrikes in both Iraq and Syria.

The U.S. began launching limited airstrikes against Islamic State targets in Iraq earlier this summer. But officials said Obama was

strikes against terror targets in Yemen and Somalia.

Officials compared the new U.S. mission in Iraq and Syria to the actions in Yemen and Somalia, campaigns that have gone on for years.

Obama is seeking authorization from Congress for a Pentagon-led effort to train and arm more moderate elements of the Syrian opposition. Ahead of Obama's remarks, congressional leaders grappled with whether to sup-

a small program to arm the rebels, the new program would be more robust. Obama asked Congress earlier this year to approve a \$500 million program to expand the effort and put it under Pentagon control, but the request stalled on Capitol Hill.

Some of Obama's own advisers, including former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, pressed him to arm the rebels early in their fight against Syrian President Bashar Assad. But



Seen from a window outside the Oval Office, President Barack Obama speaks to King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia on the phone at the White House, in Washington, Sept. 10, 2014.

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

plans also amounted to an admission that years of American-led war in the Middle East have not quelled the terror threat emanating from the region.

While administration officials have said they are not aware of a credible threat of a potential attack by the militants in the U.S., they say the Islamic State group poses risks to Americans and interests in the region. Officials are also concerned about the prospect that Westerners, including Americans, who have joined the militant group could return to their home countries to launch attacks.

In recent weeks, the mili-

waiting for Iraq to form a new government — a step it took Tuesday — before broadening the effort.

Officials said strikes in Iraq would now be wide-ranging and extend into Syria. Obama plans to proceed with those actions without seeking new authorization from Congress.

Instead, officials said Obama will act under a use of force authorization Congress passed in the days after 9/11 to give President George W. Bush the ability to go after those who perpetrated the terror attacks. Obama has previously called for that authorization to be repealed, he has also used the measure as a rationale to take

port that request and if so, how to get such a measure through the fractured legislature before the November elections.

The White House wants Congress to include the authorization in a temporary funding measure they're expected to vote on before adjourning later this month. Republicans made no commitment to support the request and the House GOP has so far not included the measure in the funding legislation.

A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said the Nevada Democrat might opt to seek separate legislation to authorize the president's request. While the CIA currently runs

Obama resisted, arguing that there was too much uncertainty about the composition of the rebel forces. He also expressed concern about adding more firepower to an already bloody civil war.

Separately, the White House announced Wednesday that it was providing \$25 million in immediate military assistance to the Iraqi government as part of efforts to combat the Islamic State.

In the hours before the president's remarks, the Treasury Department said that Obama's strategy would include stepped-up efforts to undermine the Islamic State group's finances. □





# ‘Loving’ father now tied to his 5 kids’ deaths

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**LEXINGTON, South Carolina**  
**(AP)** — A man described as a smart, loving father confessed to killing his five children and then dumping their bodies in a secluded clearing along a rural road in Alabama, authorities said Wednesday.

Timothy Ray Jones Jr., 32, will be charged with five counts of murder, and officials believe he acted alone, Acting Sheriff Lewis McCarty said. Authorities think all five children — ages 1 to 8 — were killed at the same time, but they said they didn’t yet know how or why. Autopsies were scheduled to begin Thursday. The case has unfolded over the past two weeks, covering five states and about 700 miles (1,125 kilometers) in what the sheriff called a “logistical nightmare.” It wasn’t until Tuesday afternoon — when authorities made the gruesome discovery of the children’s bodies — that they went public with the case. Jones’ father, Timothy Jones Sr., said the family’s

hearts are broken, and he called his son a loving dad. “We do not have all the answers, and we may never have them,” he said in a brief statement outside his home in Amory, Mississippi. “But anyone who knows Little Tim will agree that he is not the animal he will be portrayed as through the media.” He did not take questions from reporters. Timothy Jones Sr. said questions should be directed to the office of Boyd Young, who would represent his son. Young’s office in South Carolina refused to confirm that it is representing him and declined to comment on the case. Timothy Ray Jones Jr. was stopped at what officials called a sobriety checkpoint Saturday in Mississippi. A deputy spotted bleach, blood and children’s clothes in his 2006 Cadillac Escalade. It would be another three days before the children’s bodies were discovered. He was charged with driving under the influence and possession of a controlled substance. When



Timothy Jones Sr., center, at microphone, stands next to his son, Travis Jones, right, as he reads a statement to the media in front of his home on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014 in Amory, Tenn. The men are the father and brother of Timothy Jones Jr., who was detained in the deaths of his five children. (AP Photo/Adrian Sainz)

authorities ran his license plate, they discovered Jones and his five children had been reported missing

by their mother. Jones was taken into custody that day, and late Monday he confessed to depu-

ties that he had killed his children and dumped their bodies, said Sheriff Charlie Crumpton.

## California:

## School drops ‘Arabs’ for ‘Mighty Arabs’

**THERMAL, California (AP)** — A California high school has changed its nickname from the Arabs to the Mighty Arabs and adopted a logo with a nobler image, school officials announced Wednesday. The Coachella Valley Unified School District governing board unanimously adopted the changes in a closed-session meeting Tuesday night after months of pressure from Arab-American anti-discrimination groups. “Dealing with the mascot issue has gone worldwide,” Superintendent Daryl Adams said, according to the

Desert-Sun “I’m glad to see that coming to an end.” Officials at Coachella Valley High School consulted with Arab-American groups in getting rid of the scowling, hook-nosed image in the old logo and adopting the more stoic face in the new one. Abed Ayuoub of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee said the group fully supports the new mascot and image. “We passed it around to experts and community members,” Ayuoub told the Desert-Sun. “We took our time to get the opinion of that logo,

and it was overwhelmingly positive.” The Arab mascot has existed since the 1920s to recognize the desert region’s reliance on date farming, a traditionally Middle Eastern crop. The school had already abandoned the mascot costume that had imagery similar to the old logo, along with the belly dancing genie that appeared with him. Opposition to the change had come mostly from the school’s alumni, but the president of the alumni association Rich Ramirez welcomed the move.





# Fashion hub raids target cartel money laundering

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Federal authorities arrested nine people and seized about \$90 million Wednesday in raids in the fashion district of Los Angeles, marking an unprecedented crackdown on Mexican cartels' increasing reliance on international trade to launder money from drug sales in the United States. About 1,000 law enforcement officers fanned out across the city's downtown to search dozens of businesses suspected of taking bulk cash funneled by drug cartels for clothing exported to Mexico.

The raids came after three separate federal indictments in the biggest investigation to date into trade-based drug money laundering, said Thom Mrozek, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles.

Of the approximately \$90 million seized, some \$70 million of it was in cash, he said.

Since Mexican authorities tightened financial regulations in 2010, U.S. officials say drug cartels have sought new ways to launder proceeds from sales of cocaine, methamphetamine and other drugs in the U.S. and are increasingly turning to international trade.

Los Angeles is a shipping point for narcotics and also a hub for traffickers to consolidate proceeds once the drugs are sold, said Robert E. Dugdale, chief of the criminal division at the U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles. Officials believe money laundering is prevalent in the city's 3,000-business fashion district because of the sheer volume of trade with Mexico, he said.

"They produce cheap wares that can be sold down in Mexico," Dugdale said. During the sweep, agents searched approximately 50 businesses and seized massive amounts of cash stored in cardboard boxes and duffel bags, officials said.

Kent Smith, executive di-

rector of the LA Fashion District, said most businesses in the district are legitimate and the area generates more than \$10 billion a year in economic activity, according to a 2009 study. He also said most businesses sell clothing within the United States.

"All of us are very surprised by this," he said.

The three indictments announced Wednesday include charges related to money laundering and other financial violations — for example, breaking up large sums of money into smaller deposits in an attempt to elude authorities. Outside the nine people arrested, authorities were searching for four others accused in the scheme, including three in Mexico, federal prosecutors said.



Law enforcement agents check a clothing store during a raid in the Los Angeles Fashion District Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014. U.S. agents raided dozens of businesses in the fashion district of Los Angeles early Wednesday as part of an investigation into suspected money laundering done for Mexican drug cartels.

(AP Photo/ Nick Ut)

## NYC mom on trial in autistic son's death

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — A multimillionaire mom killed her autistic 8-year-old son by forcing a toxic cocktail of painkillers and other drugs down his throat with a syringe in a luxury Manhattan hotel room, a prosecutor said as her murder trial opened Wednesday.

Prosecutors portray Gigi Jordan as a calm and calculating killer who poisoned her only child and then balanced her checkbook and transferred money out of his trust fund as he lay dead. Her defense says the pharmaceuticals entrepreneur was driven by fear and desperation to kill the boy and try to kill herself.

Jordan, 54, sat at the defense table as jurors heard the beginning of competing versions of a story her lawyers say she yearns to tell.

Her son, Jude Mirra, was found dead of a drug overdose and Jordan was found incoherent in a \$2,300-a-night suite strewn with over 5,800 prescription pills in February 2010.

Jordan plans to testify to explain "the tragedy of their collective life": a boy

with a mysterious medical condition, and a mother who scoured the country for treatment for him but came to feel their safety was at risk and murder-suicide the only solution, defense attorney Allan Brenner said.

She believed that her life was in danger because of a financial conflict, and that without her, Jude would be vulnerable to a man she says abused him, her lawyers say. No abuse charges have been filed.

"She brought him the peace she couldn't bring him during his life. She kept him from the animals she couldn't keep from his door before then," he said. "And so she sits, forever broken-hearted."

But Manhattan Assistant District Attorney Matthew Bogdanos told jurors that Jordan's concerns didn't justify killing her son.

"She had no right to take his life," Bogdanos said. "The only person he ever needed protection from

was the one person he should have been able to rely on the most."

Jordan made an estimated \$40 million from drug companies. But she left her career to care for a boy who repeatedly banged his head on the floor, couldn't speak and writhed in pain. He was initially considered autistic, though doctors later diagnosed immune-system abnormalities, post-traumatic stress disorder and other problems, according to her court filings.

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## American Living:

# Wild Turkey maker reaches 60th year in business

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**LAWRENCEBURG, Kentucky (AP)** — Jimmy Russell

strolled into a roomful of tourists, and soon the patriarch of Kentucky bourbon was surrounded by fans, posing for pictures and autographing bottles. The man behind Wild Turkey even took a turn as bartender, pouring samples of amber whiskey at the distillery's visitors' center.

When Brian Leathers of Louisiana, told him he'd been drinking Wild Turkey for years, Russell replied: "I've made every drop."

That was no idle barroom boast. The 79-year-old master distiller known as "Jimmy" to everyone in the bourbon industry has indeed been responsible for every drop of Wild Turkey produced for generations of consumers.

Celebrating his 60th year in the business, Russell has overseen production of about 3 million barrels of bourbon as Wild Turkey's master distiller — enough to fill about 20 million cases, according to the brand's parent company, Italian-based Gruppo Campari.

In a business where age is valued,

Russell is seen as a special vintage. Known among his peers as the "Buddha of Bourbon," Russell is the longest-tenured master distiller in the tradition-filled industry.

Jim Rutledge, master distiller at Four Roses Distillery, marvels at Russell's energy in promoting his brand and Kentucky bourbon.

A couple of years ago, as a group of bleary-eyed bourbon makers prepared

for an early-morning flight home after attending WhiskeyFest in Chicago, Russell was bound for another promotional excursion to Australia, he said.

"He's meant more to our industry than any single person," Rutledge said.

Russell still comes to work al-

who, like his dad, is a member of the Kentucky Bourbon Hall of Fame.

It's the same attention to detail his son remembers when tagging along as a youngster.

"He came in on Sundays when nothing was going on," said Eddie Russell, as-

and Elmer T. Lee at Buffalo Trace — have died. Parker Beam at Heaven Hill Distilleries is battling amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease.

Noe's son Fred, the current Jim Beam master distiller, said his father and Russell trusted each other so much

there Sept. 10, 1954, at age 19. His father and other relatives worked at distilleries. So did his wife.

He learned the craft from a whiskey maker who suffered through Prohibition and went on to become Wild Turkey's master distiller in the mid-1960s.

Since then, he's seen booms and busts. He's been part of the wave of pricier small-batch and single-barrel bourbons and flavored whiskeys. Russell introduced a honey-flavored Wild Turkey whiskey decades ago.

Wild Turkey's finest small batch and single barrel whiskeys carry the Russell name.

When he started, the distillery produced about 60 barrels a day. Now production is about 560 barrels daily, he said.

Gruppo Campari has put more than \$100 million into Wild Turkey since buying the brand in 2009. Investments included a distillery expansion that more than doubled production capacity, a new packaging facility and more warehouses where the bourbon ages.

"This is the best time that I've seen," Russell said.

"When I started, bourbon was a Southern gentleman's drink.

Now it's become a worldwide drink."

His job might seem like a dream to bourbon fans, but it requires close attention to detail, he said. And it requires years of patience while the whiskey matures.

To make his point, he asked, "Are you going to write this story eight years from now?" □



**Wild Turkey master distiller Jimmy Russell pours a sample of the whiskey he makes to a visitor at the distillery near Lawrenceburg, Ky. During his 60 years in the bourbon-making business, Russell has seen his duties expand to brand ambassador to promote Wild Turkey.**

(AP Photo/Bruce Schreiner)

most every day and rarely takes a vacation. If he's not sampling bourbon in a storage warehouse or checking on production, he's taking a brand-building trip or chatting up distillery guests in the new visitors' center.

"We sell four times as much liquor ... if he's sitting there, because everybody wants to get his signature," said his son Eddie Russell, who has worked alongside his father since the 1980s and

sociate master distiller at Wild Turkey. "Even as a kid, I thought, 'What is he thinking — that it's not going to be there?'"

Jimmy Russell shrugs off his longevity.

"It's never been a job to me," Russell said. "It's something I enjoy doing."

He's nearly the last of his generation of bourbon makers.

Two of his closest friends — Booker Noe at Jim Beam

they'd share samples of each other's whiskeys being developed. Fred Noe said Russell is like a second father to him.

"You can't find a better ambassador for bourbon and the state of Kentucky than Jimmy," Noe said. "It doesn't matter if you're in Germany or Japan or Bardston or wherever, Jimmy is the life of the party."

Russell grew up near the distillery and went to work





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### US Financial Front:

## Regional airlines not sharing in majors' success

DAVID KOENIG  
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**DALLAS (AP)** — For passengers traveling between smaller cities and large hub airports, the ticket may say Delta, American or United, but they're likely flying on a regional airline whose planes are painted in the major carrier's colors.

This arrangement helps the big airlines pack their planes more cheaply and contributes to recent record profits.

It isn't as wonderful for the regional airlines, however. Their profits are shrinking, costs are rising, and they're having trouble finding enough pilots to work for the salaries they pay.

Consumers should be concerned. Fares could rise as regional airlines are forced to raise pilots' pay. Aviation experts predict that some regional airlines may fail, which could lead to reduced service at smaller airports.

This week, an airline industry group said that 86 commu-

nities — from former hubs such as Cleveland and Memphis to small cities like Dickinson, North Dakota, and Hollis, Alaska — have

lost at least 10 percent of their flights since last year.

Regional airlines say the trend will get worse this winter and next year because of a pilot shortage.



An American Eagle jet taxis to a gate past the control tower after landing at the Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport in Springfield, Ill. The regional airline industry may soon face the kind of consolidation that thinned the ranks of the largest airlines from eight between 2008 and the end of 2013.

(AP Photo/Seth Perlman)

About half of all passenger flights in the U.S. are operated by regional airlines. The

brands such as Delta Connection, American Eagle or United Express. A decade ago, many of the regionals were earn-

rewrote their contracts with regional airlines to cap the small guys' profit margins. Regionals that boasted 20 percent profit margins in the late 1990s suddenly had their margins capped at around 12 percent, a level some don't even reach, says Robert Mann, an airline-industry consultant.

The most successful regional airlines are still making money, but far less. SkyWest, which earned at least \$110 million each year from 2005 through 2008, made just over \$50 million each of the past two years. Republic earned about \$80 million a year from 2006 through 2008, but earned just \$26.7 million last year. It lost money in 2010 and 2011.

Many regional pilots look to move up to the bigger airlines — and better pay — after a few years. But with recession, the 9-11 attacks, retrenchment at the big airlines, and an increase in the pilot retirement age to 65, it turned into "a lost decade" of career stagnation, says William Sprague, a pilot for American's Envoy Air subsidiary. He expected to spend five years at a regional; it has turned into 17.

Now American is shrinking Envoy's fleet in a cost-cutting squeeze. "The future of our carrier looks bleak."

## US airlines improve their on-time performance

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**DALLAS (AP)** — At the height of this summer's travel season, airline flights were more likely to arrive on time and less likely to be canceled than they were last year. The improvement in airline performance was a welcome break for travelers. Over the first six months of 2014, delays were the highest since 2008 and cancellations the highest since 2000.

The U.S. Department of Transportation said Wednesday that among 14 of the largest airlines, 75.6 percent of flights arrived on

time in July, up from 73.1 percent in July 2013 and from June 2014's 71.8 percent rate.

The airlines covered by the report canceled 1.6 percent of their trips, down from 1.7 percent a year earlier and 2 percent in June.

The best for arriving on time were Hawaiian, Delta and Alaska, all above 84 percent.

At the bottom of the rankings: JetBlue Airways and Southwest Airlines, with nearly one in three flights arriving late. Southwest had a pattern of consistently late arrivals on many

routes.

According to the government, Southwest ran at least 30 minutes late more than half the time in May, June and July on three short daily flights, a 6 p.m. Houston-Dallas trip, a 7:45 p.m. flight from Los Angeles to San Francisco, and a 9 p.m. Las Vegas-Phoenix flight. No other airline had any flights that were tardy so often for so long.

Another 108 Southwest flights regularly ran late for two straight months. No other airline had more than six such chronically delayed flights.

Southwest has struggled to

fly on time since tightening its schedule in August 2013. Senior vice president of operations Greg Wells said that the airline thought it could boost revenue by adding 16 planes' worth of new flights without increasing the fleet.

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## Looking beyond China, some companies shift personnel

**KEITH BRADSHER**

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**DETROIT/SINGAPORE** - General Motors moved the headquarters of its international division here from Shanghai last month. Archer Daniels Midland, the agribusiness giant, is gradually doing the same with its Asian and Pacific operations. Other multinationals, like IBM, have shifted staff members here from China for a few functions, like treasury operations.

"I'm going to spend a lot of time going back and forth - the five-hour flight is going to be my monthly bus trip," said Ismael Roig, the president of Archer Daniels Midland's Asian and Pacific operations.

The moves reflect the broader evolution of China, the world's largest market for cars, flat-panel televisions and scores of other products. The Chinese economy has become so large and affluent that companies increasingly treat it like Europe, with reports going directly to head offices in home countries and no longer lumped in with those from developing countries.

"We are big in China, and we want to be," said Stefan Jacoby, the president of General Motors International. His division, which officially moved here Aug. 5, no longer includes the company's China operations but encompasses GM subsidiaries in Africa, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Australia and South Korea.

The many frustrations of doing business in China have made some difference in the plans to move executives to Singapore - chok-

ing air pollution, countless regulations that favor local competitors and weak protection for intellectual property. A rising wave of economic nationalism has also manifested itself

example. And China's diplomatic and trade ties to Southeast Asia have been strained by its increasingly assertive claims to control over practically all of the South China Sea.

modities trading operations and agreements with other countries that make it relatively easy to resolve trading disputes with companies elsewhere.

But most of Roig's subordi-

coach at her son's soccer club in Beijing moved out of China this summer, a shift that she attributed to air pollution.

The European Union Chamber of Commerce in China said in its wide-ranging annual position paper, released in Beijing on Tuesday, that eight of its member companies had reported rising difficulties in persuading talented staff to move to China, particularly because of air pollution.

Shortages of spaces at English-language schools have also been an issue. Singapore has prevented local families from enrolling their children in the elementary and junior high grades at the city's international schools, avoiding the overcrowding that has afflicted many such schools in mainland China and, particularly, Hong Kong.

Chip Kimball, the superintendent of the highly regarded Singapore American School, said more expatriates were moving to Singapore. But he noted that his school had experienced only a slight increase in demand because the government had arranged for a series of other international schools to open in the past five years.

By contrast, "the bottleneck in Hong Kong right now is schooling," said May Tung, the head of the Hong Kong financial services practice of DHR International, a Chicago-based executive recruitment firm. While few headquarters, and even fewer factories, are moving, multinationals do appear more cautious in adding further to their already numerous research centers in China.



**A man takes a picture of the central business district in Singapore, Sept. 9, 2014. Many multinationals are starting to pay renewed attention to Southeast Asia, which is showing signs of revival 17 years after the Asian financial crisis.**

(Charles Pertwee/The New York Times)

in large-scale raids on the Chinese offices of multinationals in the automotive, pharmaceutical and technology sectors. Police officials are copying large numbers of computer hard drives and interrogating employees without allowing access to legal advice. More important, many multinationals are starting to pay renewed attention to Southeast Asia, which is showing signs of revival 17 years after the Asian financial crisis. They have found it hard to do that from Shanghai or Beijing. Each major city has no more than one flight a day to Jakarta, Indonesia, for

For now, the operations being moved to Singapore remain tiny, even microscopic, compared with those remaining in China.

Archer Daniels Midland has built a large team in Shanghai that can negotiate acquisitions of agribusiness factories in China, do due diligence and conduct audits, Roig said. So the priority for the company in Asia is to develop the same capability in the growing Indonesian and Vietnamese markets.

Singapore is a two-hour flight from Jakarta and from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Singapore also has tax laws that favor com-

panies remain in Shanghai. Similarly, only 40 GM managers and executives have moved from Shanghai to Singapore, and the entire international operations headquarters occupies a single floor of a downtown office building.

Companies are finding it easier to persuade talented managers to move to Singapore, with its fairly clean air, than to Shanghai. Zhang Xin, the chief executive of SOHO China, the leading developer of top-end office buildings in Beijing and Shanghai, said she was stunned when three-fifths of the mostly European teenagers and the



## Islamic State group not an unstoppable juggernaut

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Associated Press

**BEIRUT (AP)** — The Islamic State group is often described as the most fearsome jihadi outfit of all: a global menace outweighing al-Qaida, with armies trembling before its advance.

But while the group has been successful at seizing parts of Iraq and Syria, it is no unstoppable juggernaut. Lacking the major weaponry of an established military, it wields outsize influence through the fanaticism of a hard core of several thousand, capitalizing on divisions among its rivals, and disseminating terrifying videos on social media.

President Barack Obama is outlining plans Wednesday for an expanded military and political effort to combat the group in Syria and Iraq, ushering in what is likely to be a long-term engagement by the U.S. and its allies to destroy the militants in those countries.

It is useful to remember, though, that while it is a formidable force that controls roughly a third of Iraq and Syria, there also has been an inclination to exaggerate the group's capabilities.

"I think sometimes there's been a tendency to sort of overestimate the technical sophistication of the Islamic State," said Charles Lister, visiting fellow at the Brookings Doha Center.

Lister, like many other analysts, said much of the power of the Islamic State group — also known by the acronyms ISIS or ISIL — lies in its centralization of command and intense loyalty within the organization.

According to a senior Iraqi intelligence official, more than 27,600 Islamic State fighters are believed to be operating in Iraq, about 2,600 of whom are foreigners. Most analysts, however, estimate the number of Islamic State fighters in both Iraq and Syria to be about 20,000. In any case, the group is dwarfed by its foes in the Syrian and Iraqi armies — both in numbers and firepower. The Iraqi military and police force are estimated at more than 1 million. The Syrian army is estimated at 300,000 soldiers. There are believed to be more than 100,000 Syrian rebels, including the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front and the powerful Islamic Front rebel umbrella group, currently fighting the Islamic State group in Syria. Tens of thousands of Kurdish Peshmerga forces are fighting the group in Iraq.

The Islamic State group's greatest shortcoming is that it lacks effective means to fight airpower, meaning that U.S. airstrikes can go a long way in destroying its capabilities. Still, the Islamic State group has amassed a significant amount of weapons and hardware captured from Iraqi and Syrian military installations in recent months. The Iraqi official, who declined to be identified because he is not authorized to brief the media, told The Associated Press that the group's arsenal includes Kalashnikovs, machine guns, anti-aircraft guns and mortars, adding that they also have about 35 Iraqi military tanks, about 80 armored police vehicles and hundreds of Humvees. The group has a few MiG 21s captured when it overran the Syrian army's air base in Tabqa last month. Analysts say it is extremely unlikely that they could get any of them off the ground at this point. "It's a very nice thing for them to be able to show in the video. But for now, we're unlikely to see an Islamic State air force anytime soon, or even just one working jet," Lister said. A recent report published by the Institute for the Study of War described the Islamic State group as "an institution comprised of many layers of tactical, operational, and strategic capability, and it is expertly led." □

## Putin promises new weapons to fend off NATO, Western threats

VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV  
Associated Press

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russia will counter military moves by the U.S. and NATO with an array of new nuclear and conventional weapons, President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday as the military successfully test-fired an intercontinental ballistic missile from a nuclear submarine.

At the same time, he emphasized that Russia will not enter a new arms race and will tightly control its military budget to avoid overbur-

dening the economy. Putin accused the West of using the crisis in Ukraine to reinvigorate NATO, warning that Moscow will ponder a response to the alliance's decision to create a rapid-reaction "spearhead" force to protect Eastern Europe.

The statement appeared to signal that the Russian leader is determined to pursue a tough course in the face of more Western sanctions over the Ukraine crisis that has sent Russia-West relations plummeting to their lowest point since the Cold War. Addressing a Kremlin meeting on weapons modernization, Putin ominously warned the West against getting "hysterical" about Moscow's re-arming ef-

orts, in view of U.S. missile defense plans and other decisions he said have challenged Russia's security.

"We have warned many times that we would have to take corresponding countermeasures to ensure our security," Putin said, adding that he would now take personal charge of the government commission overseeing military industries. "I would like to underline that we only take retaliatory steps."

Putin claimed that some

clear deterrent;" re-arming strategic and long-range aviation; creating an aerospace defense system and developing high-precision conventional weapons.

He would not elaborate on prospective weapons, but he and other officials have repeatedly boasted about new Russian nuclear missiles' capability to penetrate any prospective missile shield.

The Kremlin has bolstered defense spending in the past few years under an ambitious weapons mod-



**Shoppers at a small market in Donetsk, Ukraine, Sept. 10, 2014. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said on Wednesday that the bulk of Russian forces had withdrawn from Ukrainian territory, a move that he said augmented the chances for a lasting cease-fire with the rebels in the southeast.** (Mauricio Lima/The New York Times)

ernization program that runs through 2020 and costs the equivalent of \$540 billion. Russia inherited most of its arsenal from the Soviet Union and has struggled to develop new weapons systems after the post-Soviet industrial meltdown. With hundreds of subcontractors going out of production, Russian arms manufacturers often had to make components themselves, swelling costs and affecting production quality.

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in the West would like to pull Russia into a new arms race, but "we will not enter such race, it's absolutely excluded."

He argued that Russia needs to upgrade its arsenals to replace Soviet-designed weapons approaching the end of their designated lifetime.

Putin's comments came as the European Union was mulling a new wave of sanctions against Russia intended to persuade it to honor its part of a cease-fire agreement signed last week. A decision is expected later this week.

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**After blast:**

## Syrian rebel group names new leaders

**RYAN LUCAS**  
**Associated Press**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — A Syrian rebel group named a new leader and military chief on Wednesday, less than 24 hours after an explosion killed a dozen of its senior figures in a devastating blow to one of the most powerful factions in the country's armed opposition.

The group, Ahrar al-Sham, has been among the steadiest and most effective forces fighting to oust President Bashar Assad in Syria's civil war. It has also been on the front lines of a now nine-month battle in northern Syria against the extremist Islamic State group.

The deaths of so many of its leaders throws Ahrar al-Sham's future into question, while also laying bare the tangled dynamics of Syria's broader anti-Assad scene just as the United States is considering injecting itself into the country's conflict by going after the Islamic State group. Washington's efforts to crush the extremists could include ramping up support for Syria's rebels.

The U.S. has long looked askance at Ahrar al-Sham, considering the group too radical for Washington's tastes and too cozy with

the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front. For that reason, the limited support Washington has provided so far to rebels was not directed Ahrar al-Sham's way.

But the group managed to fuse its ultraconservative religious views with a more

of the Islamic State group, and has lost thousands of men since January fighting the extremists.

Perhaps the most successful group to battle the militants is a battle-hardened Kurdish faction known by its local acronym, the YPK.

for international aid. The formation of the new coalition also was reported by the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. Taking the fight against the Islamic State group to Syria also underscores the further complication



**This image shows damaged cars that were burned after a Syrian government airstrike in the northeastern city of Raqqa, Syria. A Syrian rebel group named a new leader and military chief on Wednesday, less than 24 hours after an explosion killed a dozen of its senior figures.**

(AP Photo/RMC/Islamic State)

practical political position, allowing it to act as a bridge of sorts between the more moderate Western-backed rebel groups and hard-line factions. And although Washington had qualms about working with the group, Ahrar al-Sham has been a fierce enemy

However, the group is effectively the Syrian branch of a Turkish-Kurdish organization that NATO has designated as a terrorist organization. On Wednesday, the YPG and eight other rebel groups announced a new coalition to fight the Islamic State group, calling

of whether the U.S. will be inadvertently aiding Assad's government. On Wednesday, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem called on the international community to "fight terrorism," particularly the Islamic State group, as a first priority. □

## Haiti gets help for mosquito virus outbreak

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)** — Haiti has received a large shipment of treatment packets to help it deal with an outbreak of the mosquito-borne virus known as chikungunya amid a rainy season expected to result in a surge of new cases in the country, officials said Wednesday.

The treatment kits provided by medical aid group Direct Relief include oral rehydration packs, mosquito spray and the pain reliever acetaminophen for a disease that has sickened tens of thousands of people in recent months. Haiti is receiving 6.1 million Defined Daily Doses, considered enough to treat 1 million people.

Haitian First Lady Sophia Martelly and Health Minister Florence Duperval Guillaume announced the delivery at a ceremony in Cite Soleil and said the kits would be distributed to treatment centers around the country.

Haiti has had more than 65,000 suspected cases of chikungunya this year, according to the Pan American Health Organization. Health authorities have said many cases in the country have likely gone unreported since so many people do not have access to health care. The neighboring Dominican Republic has reported more than 430,000 cases.

Chikungunya has spread rapidly throughout the Western Hemisphere since the first locally transmitted case was documented in late 2013. After emerging in the Caribbean, it has since reached the United States and parts of Central and South America. □

## Japan approves a new nuclear power plant

**MARTIN FACKLER**

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**TOKYO** - For the first time since the Fukushima disaster 3 1/2 years ago, Japan's new nuclear regulatory agency declared Wednesday that an atomic power plant was safe to operate, in a widely watched move that brings Japan a step closer to restarting its idled

nuclear industry.

The two reactors at the Sendai power plant on the southern island of Kyushu are the first to be certified as safe enough to restart by the Nuclear Regulation Authority since the agency was created two years ago to restore public confidence in nuclear oversight. All of Japan's 48 operable

commercial nuclear reactors were shut down after the March 2011 triple meltdown at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station created serious public doubts about the safety of atomic power in earthquake-prone Japan. Even with the approval, it will still probably be months before either of the reactors can

be turned back on. In addition to further safety checks, the plant's operator, Kyushu Electric Power Co., must also obtain the consent of local governments around the plant. The final decision on whether to restart the plant will be made by the prime minister, probably in December, according to local news media reports. □



# EU says Cyprus legislation clashes with bailout

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NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)

— The European Union warned Cyprus Wednesday that it may be flouting the terms of its multibillion-euro rescue package after the country's parliament approved legislation softening a crucial foreclosures law. Though legislators have approved a law

that significantly cuts the time banks need to seize and sell off property in order to tackle a huge number of bad loans, they also backed several other measures that give additional cover to borrowers. Those measures include writing off the outstanding amount of a loan once property is foreclosed on and allows borrowers with loans of up

to 350,000 euros (\$450,000) to seek court protection for their homes and businesses. Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades held back from signing into the law the measures contained in six pieces of legislation that are seen as being at odds with the rescue deal's terms. He said he has asked the Supreme Court to rule on the constitutionality of

four of those pieces.

Anastasiades said that he would decide on how to deal with the unsigned legislation in a way to "safeguard stability and to avoid developments that would cast the country's credibility and banking system into doubt."

Around half of all loans in Cyprus are considered bad — believed to be the high-

est ratio in Europe — and the general consensus has been that the foreclosures law needed an overhaul.

Anastasiades and his cabinet had argued that additional protection for borrowers wasn't necessary because adequate safeguards for vulnerable borrowers were already incorporated in the main foreclosures law. □

## Government Warns:

# France won't meet budget deficit target until 2017

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PARIS - France's economic recovery will be much more fragile this year than originally thought, and the government will not be able to meet targets for reducing the deficit for at least another two years amid sputtering growth, the French Finance Ministry announced Wednesday. The news was all the more significant coming on the same day that Pierre Moscovici, a former French finance minister, was nominated to a top economics oversight role in the European Commission. Moscovici is seen as representing a departure from the strict deficit-reduction discipline that the European Commission has subscribed to - and which France has blamed for stifling growth. The French economy will expand at a tepid 0.4 percent pace in 2014, well below the 1.7 percent rate the government forecast earlier this year, said Michel

Sapin, the new finance minister. The public deficit, he added, will remain at around 4.4 percent of

the 3.8 percent target that the government had been aiming for in an effort to gradually bring France's

The forecast came as France stepped up a campaign to push against Europe-wide austerity policies

ning debt crisis - not only in France, but also across the 18-member euro monetary union. Sapin amplified that message Wednesday, saying France would "not take measures that would exacerbate the slowdown in growth that we already know, and further add to a slowdown in inflation."

Moscovici's nomination as commissioner for economic and financial affairs - an appointment that France lobbied heavily for him to receive - may elevate the argument for European governments to make growth a greater priority. Moscovici, a Socialist, would succeed Olli Rehn of Finland - who has been widely accused, Rehn would say unfairly, of being too focused on austerity budgets. But Moscovici is no spendthrift. He has repeatedly urged the French government to stick to promises of fiscal rectitude and significant spending cuts to reduce the deficit. □



France's Finance Minister Michel Sapin, left, alongside French junior Budget Minister Christian Eckert announce that the country will miss the European Union's deficit target for three more years during a press conference at Bercy in Paris, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014. Sapin said France's deficit would be around 4.3 percent of GDP in 2015 and would not dip under the 3 percent target for EU countries until 2017.

(AP Photo/Francois Mori)

gross domestic product, up from 4.2 percent last year. That is well above

finances into line with the euro monetary union's fiscal rules.

that the government says have delayed a recovery from Europe's long-run-

# China's premier promises more open economy

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AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — China's premier promised Wednesday to open the world's No. 2 economy wider to foreign companies, promising favorable conditions despite a wave of anti-monopoly investigations that business groups say might be aimed at limiting competition.

Speaking at a business conference, Premier Li

Keqiang made no mention of the probes against foreign automakers, drug and technology suppliers and other companies. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce said in a report this week the investigations unfairly target foreign companies and might be a violation of Beijing's free-trade pledges.

"We oppose protectionism in all its forms," the premier said at the World Economic

Forum in the Tianjin, east of Beijing. "We will continue to pursue a more proactive strategy of opening up."

The premier promised to "improve and standardize the business environment" to attract foreign companies and investment.

Li's comments echo promises often made by Chinese leaders but come at a time when the wave of anti-monopoly investigations have prompted questions about

Beijing's attitude toward foreign companies.

Business groups have said regulators might be misusing investigations to force companies to lower prices or to promote Chinese competitors.

Regulators have fined Japanese suppliers of auto parts and foreign milk producers. Officials say global automakers including Audi, Mercedes and Chrysler will face punishment for violat-

ing anti-monopoly law.

Regulatory pressure, along with slowing economic growth, has fueled pessimism among foreign companies in China. A survey last month by the American Chamber of Commerce in China found 60 percent of managers queried felt "less welcome" in this country. That was up from 41 percent who expressed similar sentiments in a survey in late 2013. □



# UK leader rushes to fend off Scottish break

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Associated Press

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP)

— The British political establishment descended on Scotland on Wednesday to plead for a united United Kingdom, after polls suggested the once-fanciful notion of Scots voting to break from Britain has become a real possibility in next week's referendum.

The leaders of the three main London-based parties — all of them unpopular in Scotland — wooed skeptical Scottish voters with the fervor of a rejected lover. But some Scots seemed unmoved, and increasingly confident independence leader Alex Salmond accused his opponents of succumbing to panic.

In a rare display of cross-party unity, Prime Minister David Cameron, Labour leader Ed Miliband and Liberal Democrat chief Nick Clegg all pulled out of a weekly House of Commons question session to make a campaign dash to Scotland, as polls indicated the two sides are neck-and-neck ahead of the Sept. 18 referendum.

Cameron said Scottish independence would break his heart, in a personal plea aimed at preserving the 307-year-old Anglo-Scottish union — and preventing

himself from going down in history as the last prime minister of Great Britain. He is likely to face pressure from his Conservative Party to step down if Scots vote to secede.

"I would be heartbroken ... if this family of nations is

are deeply unpopular in Scotland, where the welfare cuts, unemployment and privatization of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's time are remembered with bitterness. Many independence supporters cite the Cameron govern-

of Labour supporters near Glasgow that he supported Scotland with "head, heart and soul," and promising change if the union stuck together.

"Please stay with us," he said. "Stay with us because we are stronger together. Stay with us so we can change Britain together."

Though many Scots traditionally support Labour, Miliband is widely seen as out of touch. And like Cameron, he faces a predicament in the event of independence. Labour holds two-thirds of Scotland's seats in the British Parliament, and their removal would make it harder for Labour to become the governing party again.

The politicians' entreaties did little to impress committed Yes voters.

"If Cameron, Clegg and Miliband really cared, they would have been up here campaigning to save the U.K. weeks ago and not just at the last minute when the polls suggest there's a chance they could lose," said Alistair Davidson, a computer programmer from Dunblane in central Scotland.

Salmond said the London-based politicians were only in Scotland because "they are panicking," and predicted their visit would help his Yes campaign.



**Britain's Prime Minister, David Cameron, points whilst speaking during a visit to a financial office in Edinburgh, Wednesday Sept. 10, 2014. Cameron made an impassioned plea to keep Scotland part of the union, saying he would be "heartbroken" if the United Kingdom was torn apart.**

(AP Photo/PA, Andrew Milligan)

torn apart," Cameron told an invited audience at the Edinburgh headquarters of the Scottish Widows insurance firm.

While Cameron has ordered the blue-and-white Scottish flag to be flown over his office at No. 10 Downing Street until the vote, his critics noted that he did not risk speaking before an uninvited audience of Scots on the street.

Cameron's Conservatives

ment's budget-slashing policies as one reason they want to leave the United Kingdom.

Cameron insisted the vote was not about giving "the effing Tories" a kicking.

"This is not a decision about the next five years," he said. "This is a decision about the next century."

Like Cameron, Miliband sounded like a lover pleading for his partner not to leave, telling an audience

# Russian gas supplies to Poland seen tumbling

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Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP)

— Russian natural gas deliveries to Poland have dropped by almost a quarter this week, the country's gas monopoly said Wednesday, forcing it to stop supplying gas on to Ukraine.

The reason for the drop was unclear, with Russian energy company Gazprom denying any fall in exports. Some commentators believe it to be retaliation by Moscow against Poland for its decision to help Ukraine with gas.

Neighboring Germany's energy company E.ON also said it registered small reductions in deliveries of Russian gas, but not enough to

affect its supply situation.

The gas in question arrives to Poland and other European countries through pipelines that cross Ukraine and Belarus. Though Russia has cut off gas to Ukraine, it allows gas to transit through its pipelines to customers in the rest of Europe, such as Poland.

To Moscow's dislike, Poland and other European countries have this year started selling some of the Russian gas on to Ukraine, to help it through its standoff with Russia. Moscow is angry with the Ukrainian government's attempt to quash a rebellion of pro-Russian separatists in the east. Poland and the rest of the EU support the Ukrainian gov-

ernment.

Poland's gas company said that the supplies it received on Monday were 20 percent below the contracted amounts. On Tuesday they were 24 percent too low. It is making up for the shortfall with gas from other European markets.

In Moscow, Sergei Kupriyakov, spokesman for Russian supplier Gazprom, issued a statement denying any drop in gas exports to Poland. He said Gazprom is shipping the same amount of gas — 23 million cubic meters a day — as before. Malgorzata Polkowska, the spokeswoman for Poland's pipeline operator Gaz-System S.A., said the company was obliged to temporarily

halt deliveries to Ukraine for technical reasons due to the smaller amounts of gas it was receiving. She did not specify when the supplies — some 4 million cubic meters a day — could be resumed.

Some commentators said the reductions may be in response to Poland's decision to sell some of the gas to Ukraine.

"If Russia can break the deliveries from the West, Ukraine may not get through the winter," George Zachmann, an analyst with the Breugel think tank in Brussels, told the Polish PAP agency. "I think this might be the motive behind the reduction in gas deliveries to Poland."

## AP: Delayed data show Venezuela inflation going up

HANNAH DRIER

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuela's central bank has acknowledged what anyone watching the prices on the shelves already knew: The South American country's inflation rate is continuing its upward march.

After withholding monthly inflation data through the summer, the central bank said Tuesday that inflation over the past 12 months has reached 63.4 percent. That means something that cost \$1 a year ago would cost about \$1.63 today. It's believed to be the world's fiercest inflation.

Venezuela's bolivar currency plunged to a record low in black market trading this month, now bringing a fourteenth of its official value. The bank had drawn criticism for halting the publication of its inflation and scarcity indexes, flouting its own bylaws which require it to publish the numbers each month. The new numbers are the worst inflation recorded in the socialist country since the bank began tracking prices nationwide in 2008. It's not the fastest inflation in recent Venezuelan history, however. That would be the hyperinflation of the 1980s and 90s.

As the nation's economy stumbles, President Nicolas Maduro has floated a raft of proposals, including hiking the price of gas — now essentially free at the pumps — and easing the controls that keep the prices of many basic pantry and household items artificially low.

The inflation hurts the poor the most, which is a problem for Maduro, whose approval ratings are wallowing in the 30 percent range. In hyper-polarized Venezuela, the middle class generally wants the administration's ouster, while families living in urban slums and rural areas continue to support the socialist revolution launched by the late President Hugo Chavez.





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## When visiting from Kentucky: Salt & Pepper is the first stop for Tom and Beatrix!

**PALM BEACH** - Tom and Beatrix are on the island! That is not exactly a newsworthy piece of information, you could say, but this couple from Louisville, Kentucky, is celebrating 20 years of holidays on Aruba.

They come here not once, not twice, not even three times, but four times a year and their first stop is always Salt & Pepper Restaurant in the Arawak Garden. Their favorite dinner looks

like this: fried brie to start with and beer-battered fried grouper as their main course with a pitcher of sangria paving the way to good conversations and laughter. The staff of Salt & Pepper would like to say to Tom and Beatrix: 'thank you for your countless visits through the years and enjoy your holiday'. They hope to see you at Salt & Pepper at least twenty more years to come.







## AP Newsbreak: Source says Rice video sent to NFL

ROB MAADDI

AP Pro Football Writer  
ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey  
(AP) —

A law enforcement official says he sent a video of Ray Rice punching his then-fiancee to an NFL executive five months ago, while league executives have insisted they didn't see the violent images until this week.

The person played The Associated Press a 12-second voicemail from an NFL office number on April 9 confirming the video arrived. A female voice expresses thanks and says: "You're right. It's terrible."

The law enforcement official, speaking to the AP on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation, says he had no further communication with any NFL employee and can't confirm anyone watched the video. The person said they were unauthorized to release the video but shared it unsolicited, because they wanted the NFL to have it before deciding on Rice's punishment.

The NFL has repeatedly said it asked for but could not obtain the video of Rice hitting Janay Palmer — who is now his wife — at an Atlantic City casino in February.

The league says it has no record of the video, and no one in the league office had seen it until Monday. When asked about the voicemail on Wednesday, NFL officials repeated their assertion that no league official had seen the video before Monday.

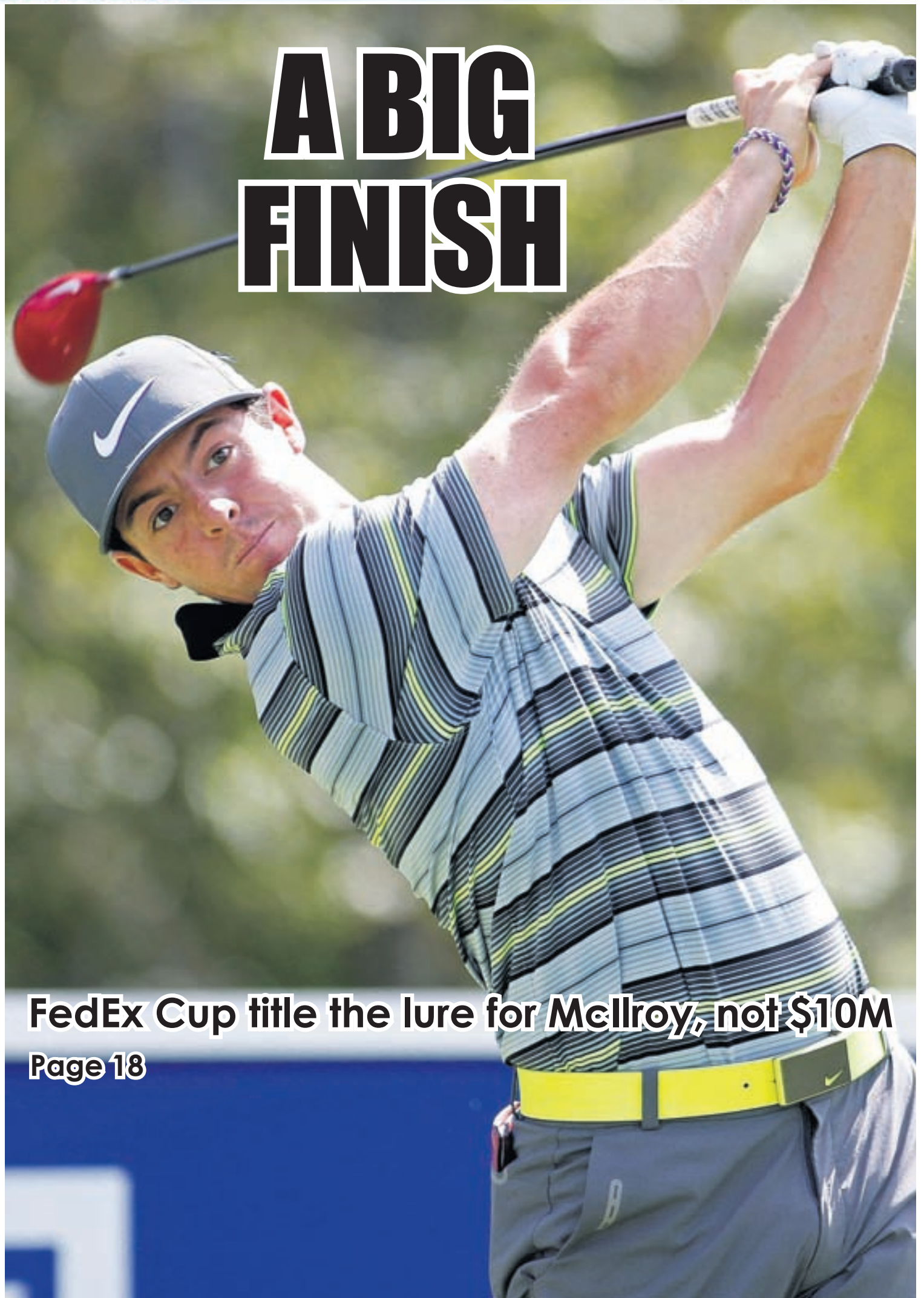
"We have no knowledge of this," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said on Wednesday.

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# A BIG FINISH

## FedEx Cup title the lure for McIlroy, not \$10M

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Rory McIlroy hits his tee shot on the 17th hole during the first round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Mass., Friday, Aug. 29, 2014.  
Associated Press



# Mcllroy's last chance for a big finish in Atlanta

**DOUG FERGUSON**

**AP Golf Writer**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Rory Mcllroy always thought his big year deserved a big finish. The Tour Championship is his last chance.

Mcllroy already has won a pair of majors — the British Open and U.S. PGA Championship — sandwiched around a World Golf Championship. He is back to No. 1 in the world and is assured of being there for at least the next two months. He already has wrapped up another U.S. PGA Tour money title. About the only item Mcllroy doesn't have is the FedEx Cup.

"After I finished the PGA, all my focus was on the FedEx Cup and trying to win this," Mcllroy said on Wednesday.

The trophy — not to mention the \$10 million bonus — is up for grabs this week at East Lake. Mcllroy didn't come close to winning the previous three FedEx Cup playoff events, though that never mattered. He is the No. 4 seed going into the Tour Championship, and the top five seeds only have to win the tournament to claim the FedEx Cup.

"Anything other than a win there would be a disappointment," he said.

Mcllroy could win the FedEx Cup without winning the tournament, though recent history would not be on his side. Five of the seven FedEx Cup champions — including the last

four — have all won the Tour Championship.

The good news for Mcllroy? It might be the easiest tournament for him to win all year.

"I only have to beat 28 other guys," he said.

The 29-man field at East Lake is the smallest for the Tour Championship since the FedEx Cup began in 2007. Dustin Johnson is at

time since 1992 that golf's two biggest stars didn't qualify for the Tour Championship. Mickelson had been a pro for only four months. Woods was still in high school.

Mickelson failed to win on the tour for the first time since 2003, and did not qualify for the top 30. Woods missed three months with back surgery

pionship.

"Phil has played well in parts this year," he said. "I feel like he's gotten a little better as the year has went on. ... Tiger is not here just because he's been injured, or he is injured. He hasn't had the opportunity to play. But if he gets back, and when he gets back to full fitness, you'll see him back here again. They're

beyond the top five seeds at the Tour Championship left town with a \$10 million bonus — Jim Furyk was No. 11 in 2010, and Bill Haas was No. 25 a year later.

The debate about this structure involves how much emphasis is placed on the final event. Two years ago, Mcllroy won the U.S. PGA Championship, and then won back-to-back playoff events in Boston and Indianapolis. He tied for 24th in the Tour Championship and did not win the FedEx Cup.

Without resetting the points, someone could have the FedEx Cup wrapped up regardless of what happened at East Lake.

"It really just comes down to this week for the most part," Kirk said. "I know that mostly likely I'm going to have to win this week to win the FedEx Cup. And so it's just like any other tournament, but we're playing for \$11-and-a-half million instead of \$1-and-a-half million. So it's all Monopoly money to me."

No matter who wins the FedEx Cup, odds are the player would happily trade that for Mcllroy's year — two majors, a shoo-in to be U.S. PGA Tour player of the year, already the points-based winner of the PGA of America's award for player of the year.

"It's been a good season for me," Mcllroy said. "It's been consistent. I've had big wins. I'd love to finish it off well with a win this week." □



**Rory Mcllroy, of Northern Ireland, tees off on the first hole during the second round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Cherry Hills Country Club in Cherry Hills Village, Colo., Friday, Sept. 5, 2014.**

**Associated Press**

No. 30, even though he has taken a "voluntary leave" to seek help for "personal challenges" and has not played since the Canadian Open six weeks ago.

There are no alternates in the FedEx Cup playoffs.

Also missing are Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson. This is the first time since 2006 that neither has been at East Lake, and the first

and endured more back problems when he returned and didn't qualify for any playoff event.

Mcllroy was not ready to call that a generational shift just yet.

He had two close encounters with Mickelson this year — they shared second place in Abu Dhabi and Mcllroy beat him by one shot at the U.S. PGA Cham-

just getting older. They're getting into the last few holes of their career. And that's what happens."

What happens at East Lake could amount to a free-for-all. The points have been reset to give everyone a mathematical chance, though the odds are increasingly longer for players further down the list. Only twice has a player



**In this April 13, 2014, file photo, Wilson Kipsang of Kenya celebrates his win as he crosses the finish line at the London Marathon. World-record holder Kipsang will make his New York City Marathon debut in November.**

**Associated Press**

## World-record holder Wilson Kipsang to run NYC Marathon

**NEW YORK (AP)** — World-record holder Wilson Kipsang will make his New York City Marathon debut in November.

The Kenyan set the mark of 2 hours, 3 minutes, 23 seconds in Berlin last year.

The announcement Wednesday sets up a showdown with countryman Geoffrey Mutai, the two-time defending champion and course-

record holder in New York. Mutai ran the fastest marathon in history in 2:03:02 in Boston in 2011, which doesn't count as a world record because the course is considered too straight and downhill.

There will be seven former NYC Marathon champs in the field on Nov. 2. Along with Mutai, they are: Gebre Gebremariam (2010) and Meb

Keflezighi (2009) on the men's side, and Priscah Jeptoo (2013), Firehiwot Dado (2011), Edna Kiplagat (2010) and Jelena Prokopcuka (2005, 2006) for the women.

Bronx resident Buzunesh Deba also returns to try to become the first New Yorker in 40 years to win the race. The Ethiopian was the women's runner-up in the last two NYC Marathons. □



## Rice video

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"We are not aware of anyone in our office who possessed or saw the video before it was made public on Monday. We will look into it."

The person said he sent a DVD copy of the security camera video to an NFL office and included his contact information. He asked the AP not to release the name of the NFL executive, for fear that the information would identify the law enforcement official as the source.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell initially suspended Rice for two games following the February incident, but the Baltimore Ravens released Rice on Monday and the NFL suspended the running back indefinitely after the website TMZ released the video.

Goodell told CBS on Tuesday that "no one in the NFL, to my knowledge" had seen a new video of

what happened on the elevator until it was posted online.

"We assumed that there was a video. We asked for video. But we were never granted that opportunity," Goodell said.

In a memo to the NFL's 32 teams on Wednesday, Goodell said that the league asked law enforcement for the video, but not the casino. "In the context of a criminal investigation, information obtained outside of law enforcement that has not been tested by prosecutors or by the court system is not necessarily a reliable basis for imposing league discipline," he wrote.

The video, shown to the AP on Monday, is slightly longer than the TMZ version, and includes some audio. Rice and Janay Palmer — now Janay Rice — can be heard shouting obscenities at each other, and she appears to spit at Rice right before he throws a brutal punch. After she collapses, he drags her out



In this March 26, 2014, file photo, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell answers questions during a news conference in Orlando, Fla. Associated Press

of the elevator and is met by some hotel staff. One of them can be heard saying, "She's drunk, right?" And then, "No cops."

Rice had been charged

with felony aggravated assault in the case, but in May he was accepted into a pretrial intervention program that allowed him to avoid jail time and could

lead to the charge being purged from his record. A prominent New Jersey lawmaker called on Tuesday for that decision to be reviewed. □

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## AL Capsules

# Scherzer, Tigers beat Royals again, 4-2

**DETROIT (AP)** — Max Scherzer escaped a bases-loaded jam in the fifth, Rajai Davis and J.D. Martinez homered, and the Detroit Tigers beat Kansas City 4-2 on Tuesday night to pull within percentage points of the Royals atop the AL Central. Scherzer (16-5) allowed a run and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings. Kansas City was down 3-1 in the fifth when Alex Gordon's deep fly to right went just foul with two on. Gordon walked to load the bases with one out, but Salvador Perez lined out and Eric Hosmer struck out. Joe Nathan earned his 30th save in 36 chances, allowing two infield singles to start the ninth before ending it with two strikeouts sandwiched around a picked-off runner.

Kansas City's Jason Vargas (11-8) allowed four runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings. He struck out six and walked three.

Detroit will try to sweep the three-game series Wednesday night.

**ANGELS 9, RANGERS 3**

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Kole Calhoun hit a leadoff homer, Collin Cowgill had a big eighth inning and Los Angeles stretched its winning streak to six by beating Texas. Cowgill reached on an infield single to start a seven-run eighth. He scored on Mike Trout's triple and capped the outburst with a bases-loaded triple. The Angels, with the best record in the majors at 89-55, matched their longest winning streak of the season. The AL West leaders have won 12 of 14 overall.

Hector Santiago (5-7) allowed only a solo homer in five innings.

Calhoun's third leadoff homer this season, and 15th long ball overall, came off Colby Lewis (9-13), who pitched into the eighth.

**ATHLETICS 11, WHITE SOX 2**  
**CHICAGO (AP)** — Josh Donaldson had a career-high five hits while driving in four runs, helping Jon Lester



**Detroit Tigers starting pitcher Max Scherzer reacts after striking out Kansas City Royals' Eric Hosmer to end the top of the fifth inning of a baseball game in Detroit, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014.**

**Associated Press**

ter and the Athletics to the road win.

Donaldson also scored two runs as Oakland got just its third win in 12 games. Lester (14-10) gave up two runs over eight innings, and the Athletics took advantage of a season-high five errors for Chicago.

Possibly the only negative for Oakland was Craig Gentry suffering a concussion in a collision at first base while beating out a bunt single in the fifth. He was replaced by pinch-runner Josh Reddick.

Chicago's John Danks (9-11) lasted six innings, allowing four runs — two earned — and seven hits.

**ORIOLES 4, RED SOX 1**

**BOSTON (AP)** — Alejandro

De Aza hit two homers, Adam Jones added another and Baltimore beat Boston to win for the 10th time in 13 games.

Chris Tillman (12-5) gave up one run in five innings, the 18th straight start in which he allowed three earned runs or fewer. Zach Britton pitched the ninth for his 34th save in 38 opportunities.

The first-place Orioles maintained their 10-game lead in the AL East over Toronto. Last-place Boston is a season-high 22 1/2 games out of first one year after winning the World Series.

The three homers increased Baltimore's major league-leading total to 191 and came off rookie Anthony

Ranaudo (3-2). He left after allowing four runs and six hits in 3 1-3 innings.

Xander Bogaerts hit his 10th homer for the Red Sox.

**RAYS 4, YANKEES 3**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Left fielder Matt Joyce threw out Stephen Drew in the fifth inning when catcher Ryan Hanigan blocked the sliding runner, and Tampa Bay held on to beat the fading Yankees.

Hours after Major League Baseball gave teams and umpires new guidelines on what catchers can do under this year's experimental rule designed to avoid collisions, the latest instructions were put to a test when Drew tried to score what would have been the tying run.

The out call was upheld after a replay review. Derek Jeter then lined into a double play, and the Rays preserved their 4-3 lead.

Chris Archer (9-8) allowed three runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings. Jake McGee got three outs for his 17th save in 19 chances.

New York began the night five games back for the second AL wild card with 21 remaining, and the loss dropped the Yankees to 3-4 on their next-to-last homestand. The game drew 31,188, the smallest crowd at new Yankee Stadium and New York's home low since Sept. 23, 2004, according to STATS.

James Loney's solo homer in the second off Hiroki Kuroda (10-9) put the Rays ahead.

**ASTROS 2, MARINERS 1**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Jonathan Villar hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning to lift Collin McHugh and the Houston Astros over Seattle.

Logan Morrison homered off McHugh in the eighth to tie it, but the Mariners fell a half-game out in the race for the second AL wild card.

With two outs in the ninth, Yoervis Medina (4-3) walked Jon Singleton and

he advanced to second on a wild pitch. Singleton moved to third on Matt Dominguez's single to deep shortstop before Villar came through.

McHugh (9-9) permitted only two hits in eight innings — an infield single in the fourth and Morrison's long homer. The right-hander struck out four and walked none. Josh Fields worked the ninth for his fourth save.

**TWINS 4, INDIANS 3**

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Oswaldo Arcia's two-run homer capped Minnesota's four-run fourth inning against Trevor Bauer, and the Twins dented Cleveland's playoff hopes.

The last-place Twins won for just the fourth time in 16 games.

Minnesota rookie Trevor May (2-4), who entered with a 9.38 ERA, limited the Indians to just two runs in five innings.

Arcia's homer off Bauer (5-8) made it 4-2, and the Twins hung on despite doing nothing else against the right-hander. Bauer gave up just four hits over eight innings.

Minnesota's bullpen combined for four innings of one-run ball, with Jared Burton working the ninth for his second save.

**BLUE JAYS 9, CUBS 2**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Jose Bautista hit a go-ahead, three-run double in the seventh inning, and Toronto rallied for the win.

Mark Buehrle (12-9) allowed two runs and 10 hits in seven innings to stop a six-start winless streak, helping the Blue Jays improve to 6-2 in September.

Aaron Sanchez pitched eighth and Daniel Norris finished for Toronto, which came in five games out in the AL wild-card race.

The Cubs lost their fifth straight game and dropped to 64-81, putting them one defeat away from a fifth consecutive losing season. Neil Ramirez (2-2) took the loss.



## NL Capsules

# Nationals beat Braves to open 9-game lead

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Adam LaRoche had two hits and two RBIs, and Washington essentially put to rest any thought that there is still a serious race for the NL East title with a win over Atlanta.

Washington's second victory in two nights over the Braves, gave the Nationals a nine-game lead over their second-place rivals with 19 to play. The Nationals have won five of the last seven meetings with the Braves.

Jordan Zimmermann (11-5) allowed four runs (two earned) with seven strikeouts and no walks in six innings. He hasn't lost a decision since July 11 and is 5-0 — and the Nationals are 8-0 — in his last eight starts. LaRoche singled in a run off Ervin Santana (14-8) in the Nationals' four-run first inning and added another RBI single in the second. LaRoche is 9-for-19 with four home runs and 12 RBIs in his last six games.

**REDS 9, CARDINALS 5 CINCINNATI (AP)** — Devin Mesoraco homered and drove in three runs, and Mike Leake pitched into the seventh inning and doubled home a run, as Cincinnati snapped a six-game losing streak against St. Louis.

The NL Central-leading Cardinals lost for only the second time in 11 games and maintained their 4½-game lead over Pittsburgh. The Reds won for the third time in 11 games. They are 17-33 since the All-Star break, a slide that has dropped them out of contention.

Leake (11-11) was coming off his worst start of the season. Against the Cardinals, Leake allowed three runs and eight hits.

He also doubled home a run in the fourth off Michael

Wacha (5-6) for a 3-1 lead. His fifth double of the season was his 68th career hit, the most by any pitcher in the majors since his debut in 2010.

Aroldis Chapman relieved with two on and two outs in the ninth and fanned Mark Ellis on a 101 mph fastball to end it, getting his 31st save in 33 chances.

**PHILLIES 4, PIRATES 3 PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Maikel Franco hit a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning to lift Philadelphia over Pittsburgh.

Freddy Galvis homered, doubled and scored the go-ahead run after an infield single and a stolen base. Justin De Fratus (3-1) pitched a scoreless inning for the win. Jonathan Papelbon finished for his 36th save in 39 chances.

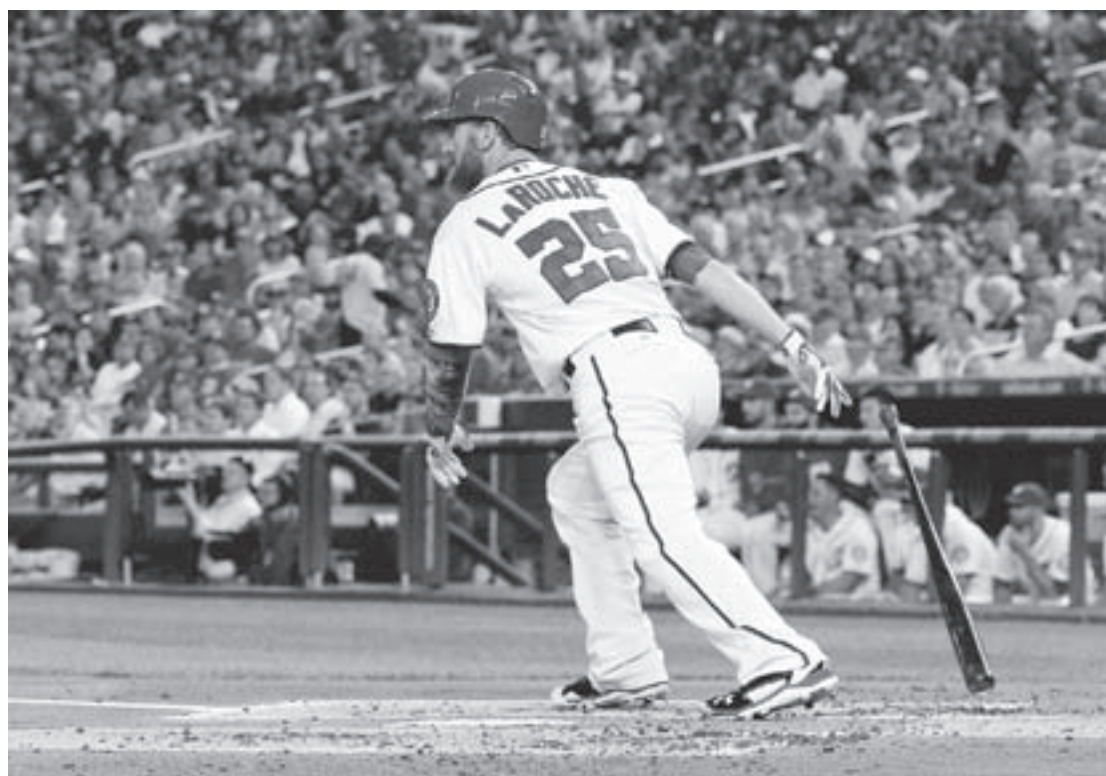
The Pirates entered the night with a 1 1/2-game lead over Atlanta and Milwaukee for the second NL wild card. The last-place Phillies have won 10 of 15. Galvis led off the seventh with a grounder to deep shortstop for a single off Justin Wilson (3-4). After a pair of strikeouts, Galvis stole second. He scored on Franco's hit to right.

Galvis hit a drive way out to right to tie it at 3 in the fifth. **PADRES 6, DODGERS 3**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Andrew Cashner pitched seven strong innings to win for the first time since mid-April. Jedd Gyorko hit a two-run homer and San Diego ended a six-game skid by beating Los Angeles.

The Dodgers had their four-game winning streak snapped, and their NL West lead was cut to 2½ games over San Francisco.

The Padres totaled 12 runs during their losing streak, but they built a 5-0 lead for Cashner by the third inning, helping him beat the



Washington Nationals' Adam LaRoche drops his bat as he runs to first on an RBI single during the first inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves at Nationals Park, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014, in Washington. The Nationals won 6-4.

Associated Press

Dodgers for the first time. Cashner (3-7) allowed two runs and nine hits after going winless in 11 outings. His last victory was against Colorado on April 16.

Roberto Hernandez (8-11) gave up five runs and three hits in three innings.

**GIANTS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 1**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Yusmeiro Petit pitched a four-hitter for his second career complete game, leading San Francisco past Arizona.

Making his third start since replacing Tim Lincecum in the rotation, Petit (5-3) faced just two more batters than the minimum and matched his season high

of nine strikeouts. The right-hander needed only 84 pitches to finish the gem, the fewest in a nine-inning complete game by any pitcher in the majors this season.

Petit, who threw 26 first-pitch strikes, came within one out of a perfect game against the Diamondbacks on Sept. 6, 2013.

Leadoff hitter Angel Pagan had four hits and scored twice. Joe Panik went 5 for 5 to help San Francisco win its seventh straight home game. Overall, the Giants have won 10 of 13.

Ender Inciarte homered leading off the fourth to end Arizona's seven-game homerless drought, but the

Diamondbacks have lost four straight. Wade Miley (7-11) struggled with his control and lasted only two innings.

**MARLINS 6, BREWERS 3 MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Casey McGehee and Marcell Ozuna hit back-to-back home runs with two outs in the ninth inning, breaking open a tie game and leading Miami over fading Milwaukee.

McGehee connected for a two-run shot off Francisco Rodriguez (4-5). Ozuna, who reached base five times, followed with another drive off of Rodriguez, who has given up a career-high 14 home runs this season.

## Degenkolb wins Vuelta's 17<sup>th</sup> stage, Contador leads

**A CORUNA, Spain (AP)** — John Degenkolb of Germany sprinted to win the Spanish Vuelta's 17th stage on Wednesday, while Alberto Contador kept the leader's red jersey with four days to go.

Degenkolb edged fellow sprinting experts Michael Matthews and Fabian Cancellara to claim the flat 191-kilometer (118.5-mile) ride from Ortigueira to A Coruna.

It was the fourth stage win

at this Vuelta for the Giant-Shimano rider.

"We went all in today, and in the end I was happy to get the win," Degenkolb said. "Today, everyone saw that the spirit is very good on our team."

Contador finished with his nearest challengers, protecting his comfortable lead over Alejandro Valverde and Chris Froome. Contador leads Valverde by 1 minute, 36 seconds, with Froome a further three

seconds behind.

"It's certainly going to be very difficult to beat Alberto," Froome said.

Thursday's stage is a 157-kilometer (97.5-mile) ride from A Estrada to the second-category Monte Castro summit.

Riders have another flat course on Friday before Saturday's last mountain stage. The 21-stage race ends with an individual time trial in Santiago de Compostela on Sunday.



# Coach K: Basketball World Cup is big deal

**BRIAN MAHONEY**  
AP Basketball Writer

**BARCELONA, Spain (AP)** —

The name was changed to sound more like soccer. The date was changed to get away from soccer.

Basketball's World Cup, of course, will never be soccer's.

The question is whether it's as important as the Olympic basketball tournament, which has always been more popular in the United States.

"To the basketball people of the world, this is the event," U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski said earlier in the tournament.

"Remember, the Olympics is every sport, so you've got a bunch of people who are excited about swimming, track, all the events, and you put them together and it creates this spectacle that basketball is a part of. 'Basketball's not a part of this event. Basketball is the event and there's a big difference and we've learned that.'"

The U.S. team is two victories from repeating as champion of the former world basketball championship for the first time. The Americans face Lithuania on Thursday night, with the winner advancing to the gold-medal game on Sun-



United States coach Mike Krzyzewski, center, talks with the referee during the Group C Basketball World Cup match against Dominican Republic, in Bilbao northern Spain, Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014. Associated Press

day in Madrid.

Lithuanian fans will pack the Palau San Jordi in green, just as they would for the Olympics or any tournament involving their beloved basketball players. But red, white and blue isn't as easily spotted unless looking at the bench area, with American fans simply not as passionate about the event.

So it wasn't a major surprise in the U.S. when Olympians like LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony never con-

sidered playing this year, or when Kevin Durant and Kevin Love changed their minds after committing.

But James Harden, who played on the Americans' gold medal-winning team in the 2012 Olympics, said he never considered pulling out.

"This is a great opportunity for me. I'm a young guy, so I'm just taking all this with the flow," Harden said. "You don't get the opportunity to compete for your country. This is a dream

come true, so I'm definitely seizing the moment and I'm having a great time."

FIBA wants it to be bigger. Basketball's governing body, which calls the World Cup its "flagship event" in nearly every press release about it, has already announced plans to move off the current four-year cycle by taking off 2018 and returning in 2019. That means no more fighting for leftover attention in the same summer as soccer's World Cup. It will expand from 24 to

32 teams and serve as the qualifying tournament for the 2020 Olympics. Qualification for the World Cup will be accomplished through a similar format as soccer's, with teams playing home-and-away games against teams in their zones in 2017-18, replacing the regional qualifying tournaments currently in place.

What that might do to increase interest in the U.S. remains to be seen, especially since the NBA has already said it won't release players for games during its season.

"Well, in the case of basketball, there's no question that the Olympics has been historically a bigger event," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said before the tournament. "Basketball has been an Olympic sport since the 1930s, so the World Cup, just renamed from the world championship of basketball, is still developing into a world-class event."

It's reached that point internationally, as Krzyzewski knows from coaching the Americans in the world championships four times. And it would get plenty of headlines in the U.S. if the Americans lose Thursday to a longtime rival and basketball power.



In this Jan. 22, 2011, file photo, Anaheim Ducks' Saku Koivu, of Finland, waves to the crowd following an NHL hockey game against the Montreal Canadiens in Montreal.

Associated Press

**GREG BEACHAM**  
AP Sports Writer

**ANAHEIM, California (AP)** —

Saku Koivu has retired after an 18-year NHL career with

the Anaheim Ducks and the Montreal Canadiens.

The four-time Finnish Olympic medalist and cancer survivor announced his

## Saku Koivu retires after 18 seasons in NHL

decision through the NHL players' association on Wednesday. The Ducks decided they wouldn't attempt to re-sign Koivu earlier in the summer.

The 39-year-old Koivu spent his first 13 NHL seasons with Montreal, becoming the first European-born captain of the team in 1999. He signed with the Ducks in 2009, playing five seasons on the West Coast before joining longtime friend Teemu Selanne in retirement.

"All in all, it has been a dream come true," Koivu

said in a statement released by the NHLPA. "But what I value the most in hockey is the feeling of being part of a team and the friendships I have made along the way. ... I have been contemplating retirement for quite some time, and am very confident in my decision at this time and place."

Koivu missed nearly the entire 2001-02 season while undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkin lymphoma. He recovered in time to play in the final three games of the regular sea-

son, helping Montreal to make the playoffs.

Koivu won the Bill Masterton Trophy in 2002 for perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication. He also won the King Clancy Trophy for leadership and humanitarian work in 2007.

He was the Canadiens captain from 1999 to 2009, tying Jean Beliveau as the longest-serving captain in Montreal history. While never a goal-scoring star, Koivu twice was voted to the NHL All-Star game in recognition of his dependable two-way game.



# Apple pushes digital wallet with Apple Pay

MAE ANDERSON

AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Apple is betting that people want to pay with a tap of the phone rather than a swipe of the card.

The technology company on Tuesday introduced a new digital wallet service called Apple Pay that is integrated with its Passbook credential-storage app and its fingerprint ID security system.

The announcement came as Apple introduced several new products including a new, larger iPhone 6 and a watch. Apple Pay is designed to let iPhone 6 owners use their smartphones to pay for purchases at brick-and-mortar stores as well as online via apps. The company says it's easier and more secure than using a credit or debit card. And it puts Apple in direct competition with services like PayPal and Google Wallet.

So-called mobile proximity payments are expected to grow exponentially over the next few years. Citi Investment Research analyst Mark May said they could grow from \$1 billion in 2013 to \$58.4 billion by 2017. Still, consumers will have to weigh the convenience of not pulling out a card with the possible danger of storing important financial information on their phones, particularly as retailers like Target and Home Depot report data breaches, and hackers crack celebrities' iCloud accounts.

In stores, the system uses a technology called near-field communication, which allows mobile phones to communicate with other devices at close range. Many Android phones already have a near-field communication antenna, but iPhones have not until now. Users will pay by holding a phone close to a contactless reader with their finger on the touch ID fingerprint system. It's also set to work with the Apple Watch when that debuts in 2015.

"Apple Pay will forever change the way we pay for things," said Apple CEO Tim Cook.

Apple addressed security concerns Tuesday, saying Apple Pay is even safer than using a plastic card. Eddy Cue, Apple's senior vice president of Internet software and services, said credit card information will be stored on the phone via a secure chip and payments will use a one-time security code. The Find My iPhone service can erase the data if the phone gets lost or stolen — canceling a card will not be necessary. The service will be able to store Visa, MasterCard and American Express credit



Apple CEO Tim Cook introduces the new Apple Pay product on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014, in Cupertino, Calif.

Associated Press

card information.

"A cashier doesn't see your name, credit card number or security code," when you pay with Apple Pay, Cue said. He also said Apple won't track people's financial data.

"Apple doesn't know what you bought, where you bought it or how much you paid," he said. "That transaction is between you, your merchant and your bank."

Contactless payment isn't new: Retailers like Starbucks and McDonald's already have their own contactless payment system in stores, and Apple Pay is similar to Google Inc.'s Google Wallet, which is available on Android smartphones and iPhones. But Apple Pay adds some security features and makes a digital wallet option more accessible for iPhone users. About 15 percent of smartphones are iPhones, according to research firm IDC.

The service will be available beginning in October. Retailers will need to invest in updating their cash registers and point-of-sale units. Apple said department stores like Macy's and Bloomingdale's, drugstores including Walgreen's and Duane Reade, and other stores including McDonald's, Staples, Subway and Whole Foods are participating in Apple Pay.

But some of the largest retailers are not participating. Wal-Mart said it has no plans to participate. Amazon.com did not respond to a request for comment. And Target said it is currently participating only via its app.

"We know mobile is becoming the front door to Target, and we're focused on creating the best possible mobile experiences for our guests," Senior Vice President Jason Goldberger said in a state-

ment. "We're thrilled to support Apple Pay to streamline how our guests pay in the Target app - this absolutely makes purchasing from Target's mobile app easier than ever."



Apple CEO Tim Cook explains how the Apple Watch works in conjunction with Apple Pay during an announcements of new products on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014, in Cupertino, Calif.

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Gartner analyst Avivah Litan said the payment system will only suc-

ceed if major retailers get behind it. Apple's security features are a plus for merchants, but it's not clear if that will be enough.

"It's 50-50 if merchants will get on board," she said. "The security aspects are attractive, but it's not clear if the security features alone are going to be enough of a selling point."

IDC analyst James Wester said the move is in some ways Apple playing catch up to Google Wallet, but that the system uses Apple's fingerprint technology is a plus.

"It's not that different than what other mobile wallets have done," he said. "The important part is that it's Apple. We've been waiting for them to get into this."

Citi analyst May said eBay Inc.'s PayPal is the closest competitor to Apple Pay, but PayPal shouldn't be overly concerned since near-field communication and digital wallet payments are less than 1 percent of its business. In addition, consumer adoption of Apple Pay remains uncertain.

"That said, Apple has raised the bar for the digital wallet category, not only for offline point-of-sale but potentially also for m-commerce, which is more directly competitive with PayPal today," he said.

For its part, PayPal's chief product officer, Hill Ferguson, emphasized PayPal's relationships with merchants and customer service, and the fact that it can work across devices.

"Businesses and consumers don't want to be restricted to a particular device or hardware," he said. □



# US stocks end higher as Apple shares jump

**BERNARD CONDON**  
**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — U.S. stocks broke two days of losses on Wednesday as a jump in Apple shares helped push indexes higher.

Apple rose 3.1 percent, its biggest gain since April, a day after announcing updated versions of the iPhone, a new smartwatch and a mobile payment system. The company is the largest component of both the Standard & Poor's 500 and Nasdaq composite indexes.

Gains in the broad market were muted as investors fretted over the timing and pace of Federal Reserve increases in interest rates, which are widely expected next year.

"The economy is getting better, and that worries people," said John Manley, chief equity strategist at Wells Fargo Fund Management. "People are afraid the Fed will raise rates too quickly."

A drop in a key oil price to the lowest level since in nearly 1 1/2 years also weighed on the market. Several oil companies fell. Chevron dropped 0.7 percent.

Apple made the biggest splash on a slow day for news. Investors scrambled to understand the impact of its new products on the fortunes of other compa-

nies, sending a number of stocks sharply higher, and others sharply lower.

EBay fell 3 percent over fears its PayPal division will lose business to Apple's new payment system. But GPS device maker Garmin reversed big losses from Tuesday with a gain of 4 percent as investors

percent, to 1,995.69.

The Nasdaq rose 34.24 points, or 0.8 percent, to 4,586.52. Apple comprises 8.5 percent of the tech-heavy index, so a big move in its stock price has an outsize influence on tech-heavy index.

Investors were questioning whether the U.S. Fed-

year, rather than over the summer.

"The worst things for stocks would be the Fed to raise rates sooner rather than later," said Ricchiuto in a phone interview.

Adding to the nervousness was a paper earlier this week from two San Francisco Fed economists that



**Trader Benedict Willis uses his mobile phone as he works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stocks broke two days of losses on Wednesday as a jump in Apple shares helped push indexes higher.**  
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

seemed to dismiss the threat from the Apple's smartwatch.

Apple closed at \$101, up \$3.01. It has gained 26 percent since the beginning of the year.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended the day up 54.84 points, or 0.3 percent, to 17,068.71. The S&P 500 rose 7.25 points, or 0.4

eral Reserve might raise its benchmark interest rate earlier than many had expected as the economy gains strength. In a note to clients Wednesday morning, Steven Ricchiuto, chief economist at Mizuho Securities, says he thinks the consensus over the timing of the first increase will soon shift to early next

said the public appears to expect a "more accommodative" policy, meaning low rates for longer, than do Fed board members.

Investors will be watching a report on unemployment claims out Thursday and one on retail sales Friday for a read on the economy. □

## German startup factory Rocket launches its IPO

**FRANK JORDANS**  
**Associated Press**

**BERLIN (AP)** — Germany's Rocket Internet AG, which specializes in launching e-commerce startups, announced Wednesday that it plans a public listing on the Frankfurt stock exchange.

The Berlin-based company said it aims to raise 750 million euros (\$968 million) with a flotation "intended to take place later in 2014," giving no specific date.

"Taking our company public is the next step in our journey to build the world's leading Internet platform outside of the United States and China," said Rocket founder and chief executive Oliver Samwer.

Rocket said it would provide financial details on its business as it moves toward the stock listing. So far, Rocket has relied heavily on venture capital to fund the rapid expansion of its businesses, many of which are just a year or two old.

"As a young enterprise we're not targeting profitability now," said Samwer. "We are long-term players."

Rocket's biggest stakeholder at the moment is the Global Founders Fund, led by Samwer and his brothers, Marc and Alexander. They have 52.3 percent of its shares, followed by Swedish investment company Kinnevik, which holds an 18.1-percent stake.

Rocket recently received large cash injections by selling stakes to the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company and Germany's United Internet. Those investments valued Rocket at between 3.3 billion euros and 4.1 billion euros. The announcement Wednesday comes a week after one of Rocket's most successful ventures, fashion retailer Zalando, itself unveiled plans for an IPO. Zalando, which has some 7,000 employees, recently reported revenues of 1.05 billion euros and its first operating profit of 12 million euros for the first half of 2014. □

# US wholesale stockpiles edge up 0.1% in July

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Stockpiles held by U.S. wholesale businesses edged up in July by the smallest amount in a year while sales rose at a healthy clip.

Wholesalers increased their inventories by a slight 0.1 percent in July after a stronger 0.4 percent increase in June, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday. It was the smallest gain since a 0.1 percent increase in stockpiles in July 2013.

Sales rose a solid 0.7 percent in July, up from 0.4 percent in June. The latest increase matched the May

gain.

The July slowdown in inventory growth was expected to be temporary given the strength in sales during the month. That gain will likely spur wholesalers to resume faster restocking of store shelves to meet rising demand. Increasing orders to restock lifts factory production and overall economic growth.

Inventory growth is viewed as a good barometer of business sentiment. When companies add goods to their stockpiles, it shows optimism about future demand. If they slow inventory rebuilding, it can mean worries about de-

mand and efforts to keep from being stuck with unsold goods.

The small July advance pushed wholesale inventories to a seasonally adjusted \$533.76 billion, up 7.9 percent from a year ago. Auto inventories rose 1 percent during the month and machinery stockpiles increased 0.5 percent. Inventories of metals fell 1.2 percent and furniture stockpiles at the wholesale level dipped 0.2 percent. The government on Friday will broaden its reading on inventories by including stockpiles held by manufacturers and retailers.

In the April-June quarter,

an acceleration in inventory building contributed one-third of the 4.2 percent growth rate turned in during the spring quarter.

During the first three months of the year, a slowdown in stockpiling had subtracted 1.2 percentage points from growth. That was a major factor sending the economy into reverse during the first quarter when the overall economy contracted at an annual rate of 2.1 percent. For the rest of the year, most analysts predict that inventory building will support economic growth but will not exhibit the sharp swings seen in the first half of this year. □



# Chiquita to talk with potential buyers

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Not even a month after flatly rejecting a takeover bid by two Brazilian companies, Chiquita will open its books to them. Should Chiquita eventually see eye-to-eye with the investment firm Safra Group and Cutrale Group, a juice company, it could scuttle a proposed tie up with the

Irish fruit company Fyffes, a merger that is far along in the process. Chiquita did not elaborate Wednesday on why it had decided to talk with the Brazilian group and sign a confidentiality agreement. It said that it would "allow Cutrale / Safra to conduct due diligence, including access to a data room and

its management team." But Chiquita has been pressured to do so by two proxy advisory firms, and company shares have been depressed. There has also been pushback on a national level against the type of deal Chiquita is trying to engineer with Fyffes. The new company, called ChiquitaFyffes PLC, with a

new headquarters in Ireland, would allow Chiquita to lower its U.S. tax rate. Treasury Secretary Jacob said this week that the Obama administration would decide "in the very near future" what it could do to make it less profitable for U.S. companies to shift their legal addresses to other countries, a maneuver

called an "inversion." Political leaders like Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Democrat in the Senate, have lashed out at inversions, saying that they increase the tax burden on everyone else. Another major U.S. corporation, Walgreen Co., ditched an inversion plan last month under rising political heat. □

# Dollar General goes hostile in new bid for rival

**TOM MURPHY**  
**AP Business Writer**

Dollar General is going hostile with its \$9.1 billion bid for Family Dollar after its rival repeatedly rejected previous offers.

The discount chain has commenced an open offering to investors of Family Dollar Stores Inc. for \$80 per share in cash. That offer was rejected last week by the company's board, which has already accepted a deal with another discount chain, Dollar Tree.

Family Dollar, based in Matthews, North Carolina, has voiced concerns about Dollar General's deal passing antitrust review. In response, Dollar General has said that it is willing to divest up to 1,500 stores if the Federal Trade Commission requires it. The company also is offering to pay a \$500 million reverse breakup fee if antitrust hurdles get in the way.

Dollar General's offer makes for a compelling financial argument, Sterne Agee analyst Chuck Grom wrote. He expects the

Goodlettsville, Tennessee, company to ultimately win the dollar store war.

Family Dollar Stores Inc. has been exploring a sale amid

pressure to increase foot traffic. In June, activist investor Carl Icahn urged the company to put itself up for sale.

Family Dollar accepted

the equivalent of \$14.90 in shares of Dollar Tree for a total of \$74.50 for each share held. Family Dollar has backed the bid, saying

Dollar and Dollar General, which stock their shelves with goods that sell for a range of prices. Everything sold at Dollar Tree costs a buck.

Appealing directly to Family Dollar shareholders, Dollar General Chairman and CEO Rick Dreiling said that a sale to his company would provide them with "immediate and certain liquidity for their shares."

"By taking this step, we are providing all Family Dollar shareholders a voice in this process, and we urge them to tender into our offer," Dreiling said in a news release.

Dollar General's offer expires Oct. 8. The latest bid, which was raised from \$78.50 per share initially, represents a premium of nearly 32 percent for Family Dollar stock on the day before the Dollar Tree deal was announced in July.

Family Dollar shares slipped four cents to \$78.66 in Wednesday morning trading. The stock hit a record high of \$80.97 earlier this month. □



**A customer carries out her purchases from a Family Dollar store in Jackson, Miss. Dollar General is going hostile with its \$9.1 billion bid for Family Dollar after its rival repeatedly rejected previous offers. (AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)**

considerable financial stress and it has shuttered some of its stores and cut prices in an attempt to in-

crease foot traffic. In June, activist investor Carl Icahn urged the company to put itself up for sale. Family Dollar accepted

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# Revenue drops sharply at struggling Barnes & Noble

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Barnes & Noble reported a smaller first-quarter loss this week thanks to cost-cutting, but the struggling retailer, the country's biggest bookseller, could not stave off a 7 percent decline in sales.

It is a challenging moment for Barnes & Noble, the last major national bookstore chain remaining after Borders closed in 2011. Barnes & Noble has struggled to compete in the

online retail and e-book market after its Nook e-reader was overwhelmed by more popular devices from Amazon and Apple. For the quarter that ended Aug. 2, the first in its 2015 fiscal year, the company reported revenue of \$1.23 billion, down from \$1.33 billion in the same period a year ago. It had a net loss of \$28.4 million, or 56 cents a share, an improvement over last year's first quarter, when it posted a net loss of \$87

million, or \$1.56 a share. The loss was in line with analysts' expectations. Earnings before interest, depreciation and amortization grew to \$30 million, in contrast to a loss of \$9 million a year ago, due in part to cost cutting at its Nook division.

But the Nook losses continue to mount. Revenue at the Nook segment plummeted 54 percent compared with the previous year. Digital content sales fell 24 percent, to \$52 mil-

lion. In an effort to offset the losses from the Nook, Barnes & Noble is spinning off its Nook Media division into a separate business from its retail stores, a move it aims to complete by the end of March 2015. The decision to spin off the Nook unit led to a rise in the company's stock price earlier this year. The company also outsourced the manufacturing of its latest Nook device to Samsung, and released the newest version in late August. The

new device sells for \$179 and has new features like a camera and Google Play's store.

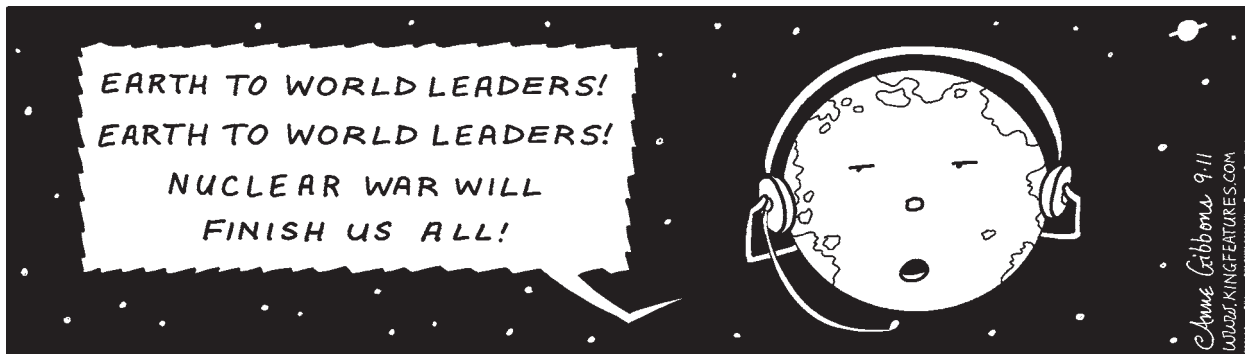
In a conference call with investors and analysts, Barnes & Noble's chief executive, Michael P. Huseby, said the chain was making progress with new school contracts for its college business, which has 705 bookstores at colleges and universities, and with new partnerships and initiatives like its co-branded Samsung device. □



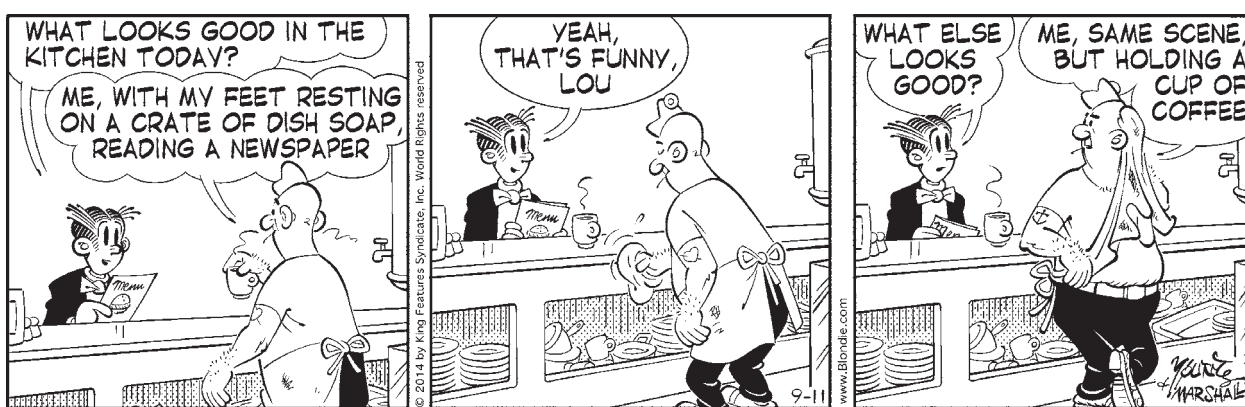
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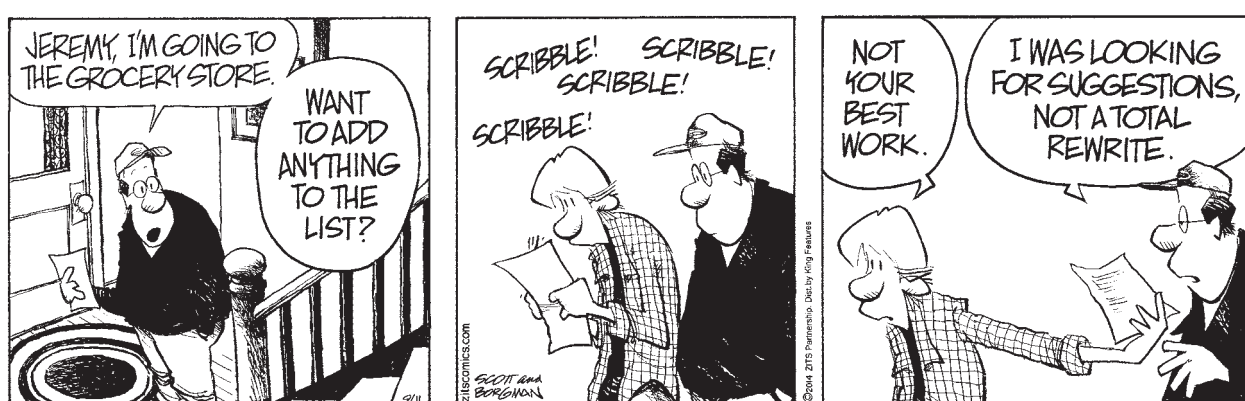
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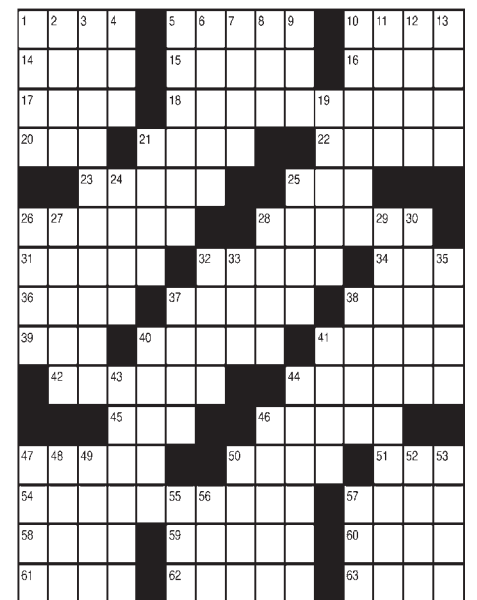
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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# IRAN

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Iran also has a long history of victimhood, whether to Mongol invaders or Western intelligence agencies and oil companies. Iranians, with their language and faith, often feel lonely and isolated in the world arena.

"Where most other states in the region were formed by colonial powers, Iran is an ancient empire," said Housang Tale, an historian and self-described nationalist.

The West, he said, and especially the United States as a superpower, is well aware of Iran's great potential and therefore has committed itself to stopping the country from progressing in any way.

"Without groups like ISIS we can revive our empire," Tale predicted, "and become the biggest power in the region."

Victimization plays an important role in the Islamic republic's official ideology. When the shah was ousted in 1979, the same revolutionaries who ended his rule said his downfall illustrated the plots committed by the United States, dropping the king after he had lost his usefulness.

Iranian textbooks now say that when Iranian students took over the U.S. Embassy in 1979, taking diplomats and other personnel hostage for 444 days, they did so to forestall a coup d'état, like the one organized by the CIA in 1953, which led to the toppling of a democratically elected prime minister, Mohammad Mos-



In this image made from an undated cartoon broadcast on state-run al-Iraqiya TV in Iraq, a cartoon character portrayed as a member or a supporter of the Islamic State group sings a song. Television networks across the Middle East have begun airing cartoons and comedy programs using satire to criticize the group and its claim of representing Islam. The Arabic writing on the flag reads, "One Arab nation," top, and "Having an eternal message." "ISIS" on the cartoon character's head cover is the outdated acronym of the group. (AP Photo/al-Iraqiya)

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The list of perceived wrongdoings is so long that every major current event involving the United States is explained by the state's ideologists as a plot to undermine Iranian interests. Khamenei labeled the 9/11 attacks a "suspicious event." Former President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called them a "plot." The invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan that came after were clearly meant to create a ring of military bases around the country, officials have often said. The sanctions imposed over the Islamic republic's nuclear program are "shackles."

"Our country and our revolution are oppressed, but we are powerful," Khamenei said Thursday.

On the streets, where many are openly critical of the clerical government - its economic mismanagement, widespread corruption and a lack of freedoms - threats to the nation still hit a very raw nerve, even

among the educated classes.

"America supports any group that breaks a ring of this Iran-Syria-Lebanon-Palestine chain," said Amir Hosein Mohammadi, a radiologist.

He was referring to what Iran's leaders call the "axis of resistance," the focal point of opposition to U.S. interests in the region.

Iran's support for Syria's president, Assad, never gained much traction among ordinary people here who care more about the economy than about propping up the leader of a distant land. □

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# Seychelles snail, thought extinct, found alive

**CORINNE CHIN**

**Associated Press**

**NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)** —

A snail once thought to have been among the first species to go extinct because of climate change has reappeared in the wild.

The Aldabra banded snail, declared extinct seven years ago, was re-discovered on Aug. 23 in the Indian Ocean island nation of Seychelles. The mollusk, which is endemic to the Aldabra coral atoll — a UNESCO World Heritage Site — had not been seen on the islands since 1997, said the Seychelles Islands Foundation.

Conservationists are celebrating the banded snail's reemergence.

"Could we live without this little snail? Almost certainly," said Stuart Pimm, a conservation ecology professor at Duke University. "But we simply do not know what species are going to do for us in an economic sense. Probably from the time that somebody baked the first loaf of bread, a housewife said, 'I hate bread mold and I wish it would disappear forever.' And of course we know the scientific name of bread mold is penicillin."

A research team from the Seychelles Islands Foundation found seven of the purple-and-pink striped snails on Aldabra atoll's Malabar Island last week. Shane Brice, a junior skipper on the voyage, made the initial discovery.

"I was so surprised; no one (on the expedition) had ever seen the snail before," Brice said. "It's



**In this photo taken Saturday, Aug. 23, 2014 and provided by the Seychelles Islands Foundation (SIF), an adult Aldabra Banded Snail (*Rhachistia aldabrae*) is examined at the discovery site in dense mixed scrub forest on the coastal fringe of Malabar island, Aldabra Atoll, Seychelles.**

**Associated Press**

quite amazing."

Catherina Onezia, a senior ranger and assistant training officer for the foundation, said the team was "going crazy" with excitement over the finding.

"It shows that Aldabra has a lot of secrets still, and hopefully (we) will continue to find interesting things," Onezia said.

Mollusk experts Vincent Florens and Pat Matyot confirmed the discovery after analyzing the discovery team's photos. Florens, an associate professor of ecology at the University of Mauritius, told The Associated Press the Aldabra banded snail was "the only possible identification," citing the snail's distinctive shell pattern and locality.

The snail faces many pressures in Aldabra atoll. The coral islands grew atop an extinct volcano in the Indian Ocean. The isolated atoll, which

also is home to the largest population of giant tortoises in the world, provides opportunities to study evolution and biodiversity. Conservationists are unsure how a terres-

trial snail like the Aldabra banded snail initially reached these hot, dry islands surrounded by saltwater without drying out. Onezia said her team will increase expedition ef-

orts on Malabar Island to study the snails.

The snail's apparent demise was linked to declining rainfall on Aldabra, and was widely considered to be among the first species whose extinction could be directly tied to global warming, said biologist Justin Gerlach, a scientific coordinator for the Nature Protection Trust of Seychelles.

The once-plentiful snail's population declined exponentially between 1970 and 1990, and the last juvenile snail was found in 1976. The Seychelles Islands Foundation said the discovery of some juvenile snails is encouraging, as they are believed to be particularly vulnerable to desiccation because of reduced rainfall. "Only time will tell if they can survive the threats of climate change and sea level rise," Gerlach said. □

## High-tech survey exposes hidden Stonehenge

**LONDON (AP)** — There is more to Stonehenge than meets a visitor's eye.

Researchers have produced digital maps of what's beneath the World Heritage Site, using ground-penetrating radar, high-resolution magnetometers and other techniques to peer deep into the soil beneath the famous stone circle.

The project produced detailed maps of 17 previously unknown ritual monuments and a huge timber building, which is thought to have been used for burial ceremonies, Birmingham University said Wednesday. "New monuments have been revealed, as well as new types of monument that have previously never been seen by archaeologists," said Professor Vincent Gaffney, the project leader.

The project also discovered big prehistoric pits, some of which appear to be aligned with the sun, and new information on



**An undated photo made available by the University of Birmingham, England, of Stonehenge where a hidden complex of archaeological monuments has been uncovered using hi-tech methods of scanning below the Earth's surface.**

**Associated Press**

Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman settlements and fields, the university said. Professor Wolfgang Neubauer of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Archaeological Prospection and Virtual Archaeology in Vienna says the new maps makes it possible "for the first time, to reconstruct the development of Stonehenge and its landscape through time."

Archaeologists and others

have been digging and theorizing at Stonehenge since the 1620s. The monument, 85 miles (140 kilometers) southwest of London, attracts more than 1.2 million visitors a year — including, last week, President Barack Obama.

The universities of Nottingham, Bradford and St. Andrews in the U.K., and the University of Ghent in Belgium were also involved in the project. □



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# At 40, Brooks' 'Frankenstein' proves forever young

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AP Entertainment Writer

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)** — "Young Frankenstein" is pushing 40, but is by no means over the hill.

The film's writer-director Mel Brooks and actresses Cloris Leachman and Teri Garr gathered at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences on Tuesday night for a 40th-anniversary screening of their comedy classic.

As they posed for photos, Brooks and Leachman flanked Garr, who was in a wheelchair. Garr has long battled multiple sclerosis and also suffered a brain aneurysm in 2006. And while she didn't do arrivals-line interviews, Garr looked and sounded robust as she effortlessly traded barbs with Leachman and Brooks during the pre-screening panel discussion.

As spirited as the event was, it also seemed a tad bittersweet for the



Mel Brooks (left), Teri Garr (center) and Cloris Leachman prior to the 40th anniversary screening of "Young Frankenstein" by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences at the Samuel Goldwyn Theater, on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014.

Associated Press

88-year-old Brooks, who was quick to mention cast members not in attendance.

"Well, you know, a lot of them have gone," he said in an interview before the screening. "Marty (Feldman), Madeline (Kahn), Peter Boyle is gone."

"It's rather touching," Brooks continued, adding the film's co-writer and star, Gene Wilder, "was back East and it was difficult for him to get here."

Wilder and actor Gene Hackman, who makes a cameo appearance in the movie, each sent notes read to the sell-out crowd of 1,000 audience members cramming the Academy's Samuel Goldwyn Theater — a clear sign of the movie's continued popularity.

Produced for just under \$3 million, "Young Frankenstein" was released in December 1974 and went on to amass more than \$85 million at the domestic box office alone (\$372 million adjusted for inflation, according to the Box Of-

fice Mojo website). The film, both an homage to and sendup of director James Whale's 1931 screen adaptation of author Mary Shelley's horror novel "Frankenstein," also inspired a Broadway musical and has been one of the all-time best-sellers since the dawn of home video.

A 40th-anniversary Blu-ray edition of "Young Frankenstein" was released Tuesday.

It's been a busy week for Brooks, who was honored with a handprint ceremony Monday at the TCL Chinese Theatre. He's logged seven decades of work as a professional entertainer, with credits also including the movie blockbuster "Blazing Saddles" as well as the Tony-winning musical "The Producers." As for his legacy? Brooks says he's hoping to be "remembered as a short, handsome, terrific dancer, wonderful filmmaker." □

## Jay Carney joins CNN as commentator

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Former White House press secretary Jay Carney is joining CNN as a political commentator.

The network said Wednesday that Carney will start as part of the coverage of his former boss' prime-time speech on how the country will deal with the

Islamic state.

Carney resigned in May after spending three and a half years as President Barack Obama's primary spokesman. He was communications director for Vice President Joe Biden from 2009 to 2011 and worked at Time magazine for two decades be-

fore that.

Sam Feist, CNN's Washington bureau chief, said Carney's experience in the administration and as a former journalist makes him invaluable for covering the last two years of Obama's presidency and upcoming campaigns. □



In this June 2, 2014 file photo, White House press secretary Jay Carney speaks during the daily briefing at the White House in Washington. Associated Press

## Actor RJ Mitte sees cerebral palsy as an asset

LAURI NEFF

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — For RJ Mitte, playing Walter White Jr. in AMC's "Breaking Bad" was art imitating life.

Like the 22-year-old actor, his character had cerebral palsy — just a more severe case, requiring Mitte to learn to walk on crutches and slow his speech for the role. Mitte says he also had to revisit some of the challenges he faced growing up, which served as "a great reminder" that helped him win the part.

"The past does haunt you, but it haunts you for a reason: to remind you of the mistakes and actions you've made along the way and you have to grow from those actions," he said.

Mitte says those experiences enabled him to bring something to the role that others couldn't.

"My disability has given me so many things that people will never understand unless you have it," he said in a recent interview. "Unless you've been through the physical therapy, unless you've been (through) the sweat, the tears, the family struggles, but wondering how you're going to get that HMO, wondering how you're going to get those medical bills. You develop a different mentality and you develop a different look at how the world sees you and how you see the world."

Mitte isn't alone in winning roles that reflect his life: In

his recently canceled sitcom, Michael J. Fox's title character had Parkinson's disease, as he does, and both "Glee" and "American Horror Story" feature actresses with Down syndrome.

Since the "Breaking Bad" finale, Mitte has played a wheelchair-bound character who suffered a spinal cord injury. He says other roles he's taken on include that of a young man with muscular dystrophy and another where he was "a bit mentally unstable."

"I'm not going to say that I don't get typecast from time to time but those are real characters," says Mitte.

He says that while he realized there is "an opportunity to learn something from



In this Aug. 23, 2014 file photo, actor RJ Mitte arrives at the Variety and Women in Film's pre-Emmy celebration at Gracias Madre in West Hollywood, Calif. Associated Press

these characters," he just likes to have a good time with the roles, adding that "at the end of the day you

have to have fun with it because this business is stressful enough not to enjoy what you do." □



# PBS' 'The Roosevelts' portrays an epic threesome

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**AP Television Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Behold this saga of bygone titans, a trio on an epic scale who share the same name.

The latest magnum opus from Ken Burns, "The Roosevelts: An Intimate History," premieres on PBS as a seven-night, 14-hour extravaganza airing Sunday through Saturday (Sept. 14-20) at 8 p.m. EDT.

It is a story that takes a holistic view of greatness, interweaving Theodore Roosevelt, the nation's 26th president and a Republican; his fifth cousin, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a Democrat who was elected four times to the White House as the 32nd president; and TR's niece, Eleanor Roosevelt, who wed FDR, and, even beyond the unique partnership they forged with marriage, lived a life of activism and moral leadership that extended nearly two decades after his death.

"The Roosevelts" thus spans a century, from TR's birth in 1858 through Eleanor's passing in 1962, at age 78. Not only are these three lives intertwined but, as Burns' rich portrayal demonstrates, they are inseparable from the history of the early 1900s, notably World War I, the Great Depression and World War II.

If you have ever seen a Ken Burns documentary,



In this June 12, 1919 photo provided by PBS, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt pose for a portrait with their children in Washington. Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns', "The Roosevelts: An Intimate History," premieres on PBS as a seven-night, 14-hour extravaganza airing Sunday through Saturday (Sept. 14-20) at 8 p.m. EDT.

you know what to expect here: a leisurely pace; lyrical writing (by frequent Burns collaborator Geoffrey C. Ward); a bursting archive of photos and film clips; a gallery of talking heads (among them Doris Kearns Goodwin, George Will and Ward himself); sonorous narration (by Peter Coyote); the words of its major figures recited, in character, by notable actors (Meryl Streep voices Eleanor).

The stately Burns formula is as predictable as the tides, perhaps too much so by now. But its robust ritual serves the Roosevelts well. Here were three individuals who, for varying reasons, couldn't sit still with the privilege they were born into. TR, sickly as a youth, became a champion of physical exertion and boundless activity, in part to outrun the depression that plagued him for a lifetime. (An illuminating early entry from his

journal: "Black care rarely sits behind a rider whose pace is fast enough.") By contrast, FDR, after a promising start in public service, was robbed of the ability to outrun his demons: He was stricken with polio at age 39 and then compelled to face and defy this affliction which he did with a public smile of confidence, as told in Part Four, perhaps the series' most affecting episode. Eleanor also had her bat-

tles, beginning in childhood with the death of both parents. Raised by her maternal grandmother, she was dismissed for her homeliness and tagged with the nickname "Granny." Her life became a campaign of proving herself and eventually charting a course beyond the powerful pull of FDR, whom she had wed at 20.

Detailing the ways in which the Roosevelts helped shape events and transformed the nation calls for many hours of screen time, and this series is equipped to provide them.

How profoundly did a Roosevelt change America? Leave it to commentator George Will, who declares, "Prior to Franklin Roosevelt, the assumption was that the federal government existed to produce the conditions for the pursuit of happiness. Frank Roosevelt said, 'Why stop there?'" Reaching several steps further, FDR wanted government to do nothing less than "deliver happiness," says Will, "in the form of material wealth."

Such a vision will thrill some citizens and appall others. But "The Roosevelts" should leave everyone, whether approving or not, in wonder at all this threesome did. It may also stir dismaying thoughts about the current politicians the Roosevelts dwarf.

## Gillian Anderson onscreen soon in 'Streetcar'

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**AP Drama Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — If you can't get to London in time to catch Gillian Anderson spinning onstage in "A Streetcar Named Desire," her orbit is about to get larger.

Starting Tuesday, Fathom Events, National Theatre Live and BY Experience will broadcast to movie theaters worldwide the fresh, critically cheered take on Tennessee Williams' classic tale from London's Young Vic Theatre.

The production, directed by Benedict Andrews, is set

in present day New Orleans on a stage that revolves constantly, offering viewers both the shifting perspective of the characters and their slow turns into madness. Anderson, who plays Williams' legendary desperate Southern belle Blanche DuBois, is joined by Ben Foster as Stanley, her lower-class nemesis, and Vanessa Kirby as his suffering wife. The spinning stage might sound like a recipe for motion sickness, but Anderson said most theatergoers get used to it.

"A good deal of people who see it say the revolve

disappears for them and, if they notice it, it's to notice the benefits of it and the benefits of the perspective that it gives," said Anderson by phone from London.

"Every once in a while, somebody will see it and just not be able to see beyond the fact that it's revolving and it becomes an albatross around the neck of their experience. But that's the minority."

Anderson, the 46-year-old former co-star of "The X-Files," said that she has long wanted to tackle the doomed Blanche onstage and compares it to riding a

stallion every night that she cannot ever tame.

"It's a behemoth," she said. "It sits on your shoulders like a bad dream, but if you can ride through the punctuation and the energy and the stamina and the beats, it is heaven, absolute heaven."

The production opened at the Young Vic on July 28 and the Sept. 16 show will be captured live and broadcast to about 1,500 venues in 40 different countries over the following hours and days, with some encore screenings expected.



This undated image released by Boneau/Bryan-Brown shows actress Gillian Anderson during a London production of "A Streetcar Named Desire." Associated Press



## The Price of Glory



JOE NOCERA

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"Are Football Coaches Overpaid?" asks a new paper by two Vanderbilt University professors, Randall S. Thomas of the law school, and R. Lawrence Van Horn of the school of management. It's amazing the things academics can find worthy of study, isn't it?

My answer is: Of course they are. At a time when state legislatures are cutting back their support for public universities, when most big athletic programs lose money, when tuition has never been higher, there is something terribly askew about the skyrocketing compensation of college football (and men's basketball) coaches.

At the University of Alabama, Nick Saban makes a reported \$6.9 million a year, more than most professional football coaches. At Ohio State, Urban Meyer makes \$4.6 million. At the University of Texas, Mack Brown made more than \$5 million before he resigned in December. Navy's football coach, Ken Niumatalolo, makes more than \$1.5 million. Navy, no less!

But as my colleague Steve Eder reported in The Times this week, the Thomas and Van Horn paper comes to a very different conclusion. According to the paper, football coaches are not overpaid. Why not? Because their jobs - and their employment contracts - are very similar to those of chief executives.

"While university presidents are nominally the CEO of the university," they write, "there are many commentators, including some presidents, who believe that the football coach retains the role as the most powerful decision maker. Football coaches have many of the same job characteristics as CEOs of public companies - they run large organizations with many employees that generate hundreds of millions of dollars in revenues."

The idea that football coaches, who run programs made up of maybe 200 people and generating at most \$100 million (and that's at the top) are comparable to public university presidents with budgets of \$2 billion is just silly. But there is something apt about comparing them to chief executives. After all, in the land of the overpaid, chief executives are at the top of the heap.

The justification for outlandish executive compensation is that chief executives are being rewarded for performance. But

it doesn't always work that way. In truth, far too many corporate chieftains take home millions of dollars each year whether their companies perform well or not. It's a rigged game: The board that sets chief executive pay is often made up of other CEOs, who are deeply sympathetic to the man whose pay they are setting. Performance measures can be changed to make the chief executive look good. And so on.

Thomas and Van Horn make the point that it is much easier to measure the performance of a college football coach - he either wins games or he doesn't. The average tenure of a Division I football coach, they report, is just three years, so the coach has every incentive to maximize his earnings. That may indeed explain why football coaches seek bigger salaries, but it doesn't explain why they are getting them.

There are really two reasons, one of which Thomas and Van Horn mention and the other of which they don't. The one they mention is television money, which has flooded into college sports in recent years. They point out that after the Pac-12 Conference negotiated an expansive TV deal in 2011 - nearly quadrupling television revenue for some teams in the conference - Washington State was able to pay its new football coach \$2.25 million, up from \$600,000. "A windfall," one athletic director calls it.

What they don't mention is that other than facilities, travel costs and coaches' salaries, there aren't many other places to spend the money. The players don't get paid, but the money has to go somewhere. So the coaches grab the lion's share. Economists call this rent-seeking behavior.

In the recent O'Bannon decision, the judge ruled that universities would have to up the value of their athletic scholarships to cover the full cost of attendance. In most cases, that means an increase of between \$1,000 to \$3,000 per scholarship.

Not long ago, the News & Observer of Raleigh, North Carolina, interviewed Bubba Cunningham, the athletic director at the University of North Carolina, about his concerns in the wake of the O'Bannon decision.

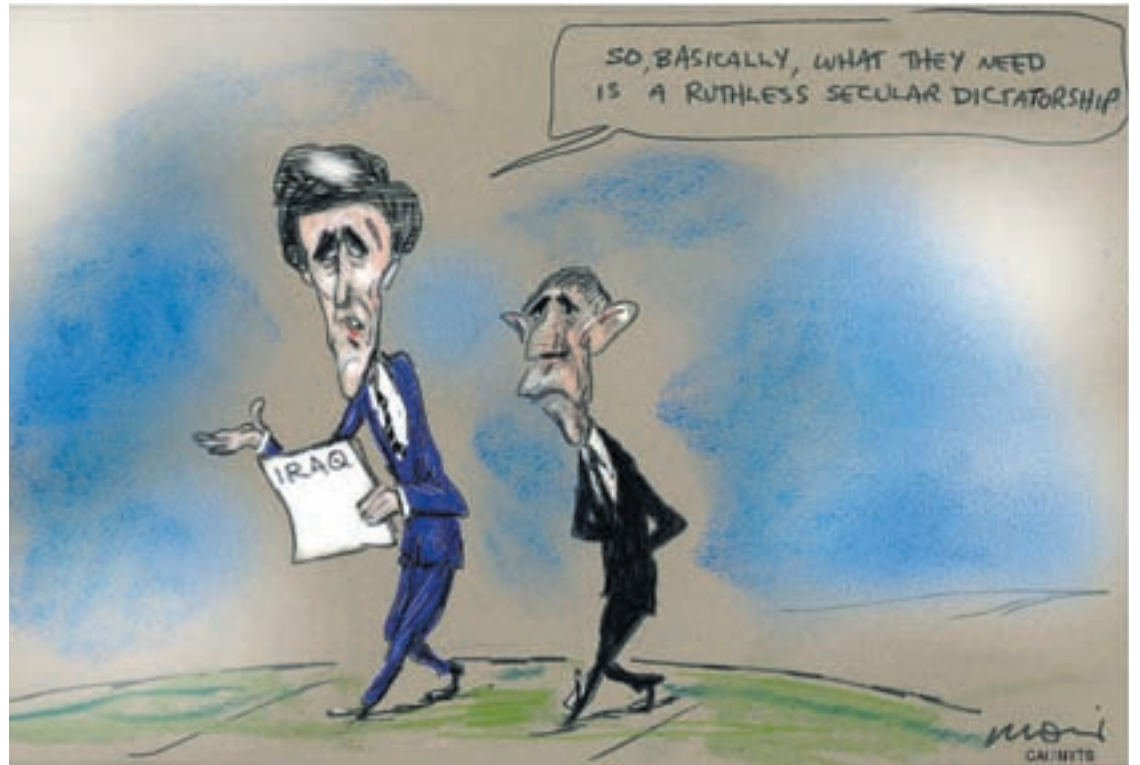
Cunningham estimated that adding on the full cost of attendance would cost his university \$1.8 million. At UNC the football coach, Larry Fedora, makes around \$1.7 million. The basketball coach, Roy Williams, makes a little over \$1.8 million.

"We don't have \$1.8 million discretionary," he said, referring to the full cost of attendance. "That's going to create challenges." He suggested that certain minor sports might be "at risk." But he also said that certain other options "aren't realistic."

"Like what?" asked the interviewer.

"Slowing down facility expansion, or salaries," he replied.

Which is the final way CEO compensation resembles the pay of college football coaches: It never goes down. □



## Rape and Rotherham



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There are enough grim tidings from around the world that the news from Rotherham, a faded English industrial town where about 1,400 girls, mostly white and working class, were raped by gangs of Pakistani men while the local authorities basically shrugged and did nothing, is already slipping out of American headlines.

But we should remain with Rotherham for a moment, and give its story a suitable place of dishonor in the waking nightmare that is late summer 2014.

We should do so not just for the sake of the victims, though for their sake attention should be paid: to the girls gang-raped or doused with gasoline; to the girls assaulted in bus stations and alleyways; to the girl, not yet 14, who brought bags of soiled clothes as evidence to the police and earned nothing for her trouble save for a check for 140 pounds - recompense for the garments, which the cops somehow managed to misplace. But bearing witness is insufficient; lessons must be learned as well. This is more than just a horror story. It's a case study in how exploitation can flourish in different cultural contexts, and how insufficient any set of pieties can be to its restraint.

Interpreted crudely, what happened in Rotherham looks like an ideological mirror image of Roman Catholicism's sex abuse scandal. The Catholic crisis seemed to vindicate a progressive critique of traditionalism: Here were the

wages of blind faith and sexual repression; here was a case study in how a culture of hierarchy and obedience gave criminals free rein.

The crimes in Rotherham, by contrast, seem scripted to vindicate a reactionary critique of liberal multiculturalism: Here are immigrant gangs exploiting a foolish Western tolerance; here are authorities too committed to "diversity" to react appropriately; here is a liberal society so open-minded that both its brain and conscience have fallen out.

A more subtle reading, though, reveals commonalities between the two scandals. The rate of priestly abuse was often at its worst in places and eras (the 1970s, above all) where traditional attitudes overlapped with a sudden wave of liberation - where deference to church authority by parents and police coexisted with a sense of moral upheaval around sexuality and sexual ethics, both within seminaries and in society at large. (John Patrick Shanley's famous play "Doubt," in which a hip, with-it, Kennedy-era priest relies on clericalism to evade accusations of abuse, remains the best dramatization of this tangle.)

In a somewhat similar way, what happened in Rotherham was rooted both in left-wing multiculturalism and in much more old-fashioned prejudices about race and sex and class. The local bureaucracy was, indeed, too fearful of being labeled "racist," too unwilling, as a former member of Parliament put it, to "rock the multicultural community boat." But the rapes also went unpunished because of racially inflected misogyny among police officers, who seemed to think that white girls exploited by immigrant men were "tarts" who deserved roughly what they got.

The crucial issue in both scandals isn't some problem that's exclusive to traditionalism or progressivism. Rather, it's the protean nature of power and

exploitation, and the way that very different forms of willful blindness can combine to frustrate justice.

So instead of looking for ideological vindication in these stories, it's better to draw a general lesson. Show me what a culture values, prizes, puts on a pedestal, and I'll tell you who is likely to get away with rape.

In Catholic Boston or Catholic Ireland, that meant men robed in the vestments of the church.

In Joe Paterno's pigskin-mad Happy Valley, it meant a beloved football coach.

In status-conscious, education-obsessed Manhattan, it meant charismatic teachers at an elite private school.

In Hollywood and the wider culture industry - still the great undiscovered country of sexual exploitation, I suspect - it has often meant the famous and talented, from Roman Polanski to the BBC's Jimmy Savile, robed in the authority of their celebrity and art.

And in Rotherham, it meant men whose ethnic and religious background made them seem politically untouchable, and whose victims belonged to a class that both liberal and conservative elements in British society regard with condescension or contempt. The point is that as a society changes, as what's held sacred and who's empowered shifts, so do the paths through which evil enters in, the prejudices and blind spots it exploits.

So don't expect tomorrow's predators to look like yesterday's. Don't expect them to look like the figures your ideology or philosophy or faith would lead you to associate with exploitation. Expect them, instead, to look like the people whom you yourself would be most likely to respect, most afraid to challenge publicly, or least eager to vilify and hate.

Because your assumptions and pieties are evil's best opportunity, and your conventional wisdom is what's most likely to condemn victims to their fate. □





## September Is For Fig Lovers

A dessert of roasted figs in phyllo with a sweetened ricotta cream, honey and chopped roasted almonds in New York. The first figs of the season are somewhat inferior in flavor to their late-summer cousins, which, if ripe enough, are soft enough to squeeze, yet not withered and juicy with a glossy reddish purple, pink or gold color.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

### DAVID TANIS

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If you are a fig lover, as I am, and there are fig trees nearby, you enjoy watching every moment of their growth, even if much of that involves waiting for things to happen.

In early spring, when the first green sprouts begin to show on bare branches, there's a little thrill. Wait awhile longer, and suddenly the tree is covered with new leaves that already possess a faint figgy perfume.

If you are lucky enough to have your own fig tree, or access to one, take a few of the larger leaves and use them to make baked goat cheese. It's easy to do: Put the leaves on a baking sheet, then top with thick slices from a log of goat cheese and a drizzle of olive oil. Bake in a hot oven (375 to 400 degrees) until the cheese bubbles a bit. Spread the warm cheese on toast. (The leaves add fragrance, but don't eat

them.)

In June, the figs begin to form, and that's exciting too, even though the first figs are somewhat inferior in flavor to their late-summer cousins.

Just like tomatoes and peppers, the sweetest figs need another month or two of constant sunshine. You don't resist the early ones, but you wait until August for the best.

In warm weather, the trees continue to produce beautifully into September.

The trouble is, some figs come to market still firm and underripe; you can try to let them ripen at room temperature, but you may not have much success. Others are so ripe they go mushy, and sometimes moldy, within a day. These should be peeled and cooked for jam or preserves.

A good ripe fig is tree-ripened, soft enough to squeeze, yet not withered. When you cut it, the interior will be juicy and luscious-looking and, depending on

the variety, a glossy reddish purple, pink or gold. That's the kind of sweet fig you have been waiting for, the kind you eat as is, just plain and wonderful.

For a snack or first course, you can pair your perfect late-season figs with thinly sliced prosciutto or a few slices of mild pecorino cheese.

For an easy dessert, compose little bowls of quartered figs and add a few raspberries and a splash of sweet muscat wine. For a more impressive one, try these flaky phyllo pastries, which are not at all difficult to make. Form packages of phyllo leaves brushed with butter, add a smear of sweetened ricotta and top them with ripe figs cut into star shapes. Lightly sugared, baked and drizzled with honey, they are a cross-cultural pleasure, almost like a French tartlet, but with Middle Eastern undertones.

### PHYLLO PASTRY WITH

### FIGS AND RICOTTA

Time: 1 hour

Yield: 6 large pastries

#### FOR THE RICOTTA FILLING:

1 cup ricotta  
Zest of 1 lemon  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1/8 teaspoon almond extract  
2 tablespoons sugar

#### FOR THE PASTRIES:

6 sheets phyllo dough  
1 1/2 sticks (12 tablespoons) unsalted butter, melted  
12 ripe figs  
Sugar for sprinkling  
1/4 cup raw almonds, toasted and roughly chopped  
1/4 cup warm honey for drizzling

1. Make the ricotta filling: In a mixing bowl, combine ricotta, lemon zest and juice, almond extract and sugar. Stir well and set aside.

2. Make the pastries: Lay 1 sheet phyllo dough horizontally on a flat surface. Brush lightly with butter. Fold phyllo in half, left to right, and brush the top lightly with butter. Then fold phyllo in half, top to bottom, and

brush the top lightly with butter again.

Fold once more, left to right. You should have a 4-by-6-inch rectangle.

Brush top with butter and trim edges. Repeat with remaining 5 sheets phyllo, using 2 tablespoons butter per pastry. Lay pastry packages on a parchment-lined baking sheet and heat oven to 375 degrees.

3. Spread each pastry package with a generous tablespoon of ricotta filling. Snip stems from figs and open them into star shapes by cutting from stem end in quarters, nearly to the bottom of the fig.

Top each pastry package with 2 figs. Sprinkle 1 teaspoon sugar over each package.

4. Bake for 15 minutes or until golden and crisp. Remove from oven, sprinkle with chopped almonds and drizzle lightly with honey. Serve at room temperature. If desired, cut pastries in half to make 12 small servings. □